



NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE  
**PERSONNEL RECORDS**

PRESERVED BY ARCHIVES NEW ZEALAND

Record Title:            Alfred Darwin BLANKS  
  
                                  AABK 18805 W5520 0015619

THIS DIGITAL SURROGATE WAS PRODUCED BY ARCHIVES NEW ZEALAND ON  
Thursday, 13 May 2010

# HISTORY-SHEET.

[E.F. Form No. 3A.]

Unit: *2nd 712 (Army) Fed ad Bde. 5th Bty* Rank: *Private* Surname: *Blanks* Christian Name: *Alfred Darwin* No. *9920*

Occupation: *mechanic* Religion: *Anglican* Last New Zealand address: *20, New St. Ponsonby.*

Last employer: *Singer Sewing Machine Co.*

Name, relationship, and address of next-of-kin (if not resident in New Zealand, insert also name and address of nearest relative in New Zealand):  
*No. 9 Blanks, 47 Willoughby Street, Milsions Point 59, Short St, Smith Sydney, Sydney, N.S.W.*

*6/13  
13/9/23  
AB*

No. *13/12* Rank: *Cpl.*  
 Name: *Alfred Darwin Blanks*  
 Address: *34 John St. Ponsonby Auckland.*

EXAMINED

Initials of Officer making Entry.		Home Service.	
		Years.	Days.
			<i>113</i>
		Foreign Service:	
		<i>3</i>	<i>242</i>
		Total Service:	
		<i>3</i>	<i>355</i>

Periods of Service. Theatres of Operation.

In New Zealand: *—* years *169* days. Australasian

Overseas ... *3* years *242* days. Egyptian *1914-15.*

Total service ... *4* years *416* days. Egyptian E.F.

Date commenced duty: *15. 8. 14.* Balkan *Gallipoli 1915.*

Date finally discharged: *29. 9. 18.* Western } *1917-18.*  
 European }  
 Asiatic

Decorations: *1914 15 Star*  
 BRITISH WAR MEDAL

The foregoing particulars are correct.  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

N.B.—Do not omit to advise this office of any future change of address.

1,000 pads/8/20—120581

*Wes ✓*  
*Blanks*  
 of Operation.  
*1914-15.*  
 E.F. *File*  
*Gallipoli 1915*  
*1917-18*  
*Rept Cd 1915 & 18*  
*3.2.18.*  
*m. admitted*  
*on receipt of Dep't*  
*Service.*

Killed in action  
 Died of wounds/sickness  
 Missing  
 Prisoner

Decorations: *1914 15 Star*  
 BRITISH WAR MEDAL  
 VICTORY MEDAL *10 JUL 1922*

The foregoing particulars are correct.  
 Signature: *A.D. Blanks*

N.B.—Do not omit to advise this office of any future change of

1,000 pads/8/20—120581

Injuries in or by the Service ... *Discharged 29.9.18 on account of illness contracted on A.S. no longer physically fit for War Service*

Discharge ... Provisional: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) Intended address: *34 John St, Ponsonby Auckland*

Final: *29.9.18* (Date.)

Pension ...

ISSUE AUTHORIZED  
 Gallipoli Lapel badge  
 Gallipoli Medallion  
 Date *9/18/67* *A1801*

*P m G P 12.1.21.*

Copy for Camp made 25.6.18

\* Strike out words not required.

*B. J. P. 9.5.21*

# HISTORY-SHEET.

[E.F. Form No. 3A.]

Unit: *2nd NZ (Army) Hd Qtr Bde* Rank: *Capt. P.M.* Surname: *Blanks* Christian Name: *Alfred Darwin* 9 9 No. *20*  
*13/12*

Occupation: *Mechanic* Religion: *Anglican* Last New Zealand address: *20, New St. Ponsonby.*  
 Employer: *Singer Sewing Machine Co.* *13-1-85*

Relationship, address of (if not New Zealand also address of relative):  
*No. 9 Blanks*  
*47 Willoughby Street Milsom's Point 59, Short St Smith Sydney, Sydney, N.S.W.*

Country or Troopship.	Date from	Date to	Total.		Initials of Officer making Entry.	Home Service.	
			Years.	Days.		Years.	Days.
<i>N.Z.</i>	<i>15.8.14</i>	<i>18.10.14</i>		<i>62</i>			<i>113</i>
<i>Foreign</i>	<i>16.10.14</i>	<i>17.6.18</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>242</i>			
<i>Rel. Ulmaroa</i>	<i>17.6.18</i>	<i>5.4.18</i>		<i>27</i>			<i>Foreign Service: 3 242</i>
<i>43</i>	<i>6.4.18</i>	<i>30.8.18</i>	<i>Leave without pay.</i>				
<i>43</i>	<i>31.8.18</i>	<i>29.9.18</i>		<i>30</i>			<i>Total Service: 3 355</i>

**Wounds**

No. *13/12* Rank: *Cpl.* Name: *Alfred Darwin Blanks* Address: *34 John St. Ponsonby Auckland.*

**Periods of Service.**

In New Zealand: *—* years *169* days.  
 Overseas: *3* years *242* days.  
 Total service: *4* years *416* days.  
 Date commenced duty: *15.8.14*  
 Date finally discharged: *29.9.18*

**Theatres of Operation.**

Australasian  
 Egyptian *1914-15*  
 Egyptian E.F.  
 Balkan *Gallipoli 1915*  
 Western European *1917-18*  
 Asiatic

**Sick**

**Decorations:**

*BRITISH WAR MEDAL 17/7/18*  
*VICTORY MEDAL 10 JUL 1922*

The foregoing particulars are correct.

Signature: *A.D. Blanks*

N.B.—Do not omit to advise this office of any future change of

Killed in action

Died of wounds or sickness

Missing

Prisoner

Injuries in or by the Service

*Discharged 29.9.18 on account of illness contracted on A.S. no longer physically fit for War Service.*

Discharge

Provisional: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) Intended address: *34 John St Ponsonby Auckland*  
 Final: *29.9.18* (Date.)

Pension

ISSUE AUTHORISED  
 Gallipoli Lapel badge  
 Gallipoli Medallion  
 Date *9/8/67*

Copy for Camp made 25.6.18

\* Strike out words not required.

*B. J. P. 9.5.21*

# HISTORY-SHEET.

[E.F. Form No. 3A.]

Unit: *4772 (Army) Fed Air Bde* Rank: *2nd Lt* Surname: *W. HUTCHEN* Christian Name: *A. T. R.* No. *9920*

Occupation: *A. T. R.*  
 employer:  
 relation:  
 address (if):

192 *13/12*

13/12

ess:  
by.

S.W.

Home Service:  
Days: 113

Foreign Service:  
Days: 242

Total Service:  
Days: 355

As it is hoped that it may shortly be possible to issue the British War Medal and Illuminated Certificate of Service, it is desired to give you an opportunity of agreeing with the information held by this office concerning yourself, and which will be contained on the medal and certificate or other documents yet to be issued, as medals and documents once issued can only be altered at the recipient's expense.

Will you please, therefore, check the particulars on the back hereof and return this form complete to me as early as possible after appending your signature in the space provided at the foot.

Yours faithfully,  
*J. W. HUTCHEN*  
 Officer in Charge



N.Z.E.F. WAR ACCOUNTS AND RECORD OFFICE  
 Government Buildings,  
 Wellington

[B.R.-388.]

Wounds	Date	Particulars	Description
5395	4.2.18	2 cm	ad l. br. 7 in. Has bl. on 29.1.18 wound at shoulder.
5429	8.2.18	"	wound on left H. jaw 26.1.18 shoulder.
5500	18.2.18	"	Trans. Bone H. jaw 7.8.18 wound 13.2.18.
BR498	19.3.18	L.H.	bl. to Cap. on H. jaw on leave. Rept. Capt. 19.3.18

Sick	Date	Particulars	Description
211	24/9/15	Southern General Hospital Birmingham	admitted
P.I.O. no 1	11.7.16	Homech. ch.	Trans. from Weymouth Camp. 11.7.16 taken on ship of dep.
Non-Roll	14-6-16	Homech. ch.	Left Depot to return to active service.
278103	1-5-18	Liverpool	embarked for NZ. 1.5.18

**Killed in action** ...

**Died of wounds\* sickness\*** ...

**Missing** ...

**Prisoner** ...

**Injuries in or by the Service** ...

Discharged 29.9.18 on account of illness contracted on A.S. no longer physically fit for War Service

**Discharge** ...

Provisional: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.)

Final: 29.9.18 (Date.)

Intended address: 34 John St, Ponsonby Auckland

**Pension** ...

ISSUE AUTHORISED  
 Gallipoli Lapel badge  
 Gallipoli Medallion  
 Date 9/8/67

P.M. 12.1.21

Copy for Camp made 25.6.18

\* Strike out words not required.

B.F.P. 9.5.21





**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 2nd Army (Army) 1st Army Bde 5th Bty.

Rank Im Cpl Surname Palmer Christian Name Alfred Darwin

Religion..... Age on Enlistment..... years..... months

Enlisted (a) 15.8.14 Terms of Service (Duration of War Service reckons from (a) 15.8.14)

Date of promotion to present rank..... Date of appointment to lance rank.....

Extended { ..... } Re-engaged { ..... } Qualification (b) Trumpeter  
or Corps Trade and rate.....

Occupation..... Signature of Officer.....

Entered Ledger 4/3

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked .....			9 JUL 1918 RECEIVED.
		Disembarked .....			
		<u>Embarked for</u>			
<u>15.8.15</u>	<u>Team R.</u>	<u>Reported sick</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>15.8.15</u>	<u>B213</u>
<u>28.8.15</u>	<u>to St. David's Hosp</u>	<u>Adm to Hospital</u>	<u>Malta</u>	<u>20.8.15</u>	<u>Injury to Back.</u>
<u>28.8.15</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Left to Eng per H.S. Oceanic</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>26.8.15</u>	<u>A36 B3H66</u>
<u>11.9.15</u>	<u>to 1st South G. Hosp</u>	<u>Adm to Hospital</u>	<u>Birmingham</u>	<u>11.9.15</u>	<u>List no HH03</u>
<u>11.1.16</u>	<u>to 1st Con Hosp</u>	<u>Taken on strength</u>	<u>Northchurch</u>	<u>11.1.16</u>	<u>List 2 Ods no 1</u>
<u>29.6.16</u>	<u>to 2nd Bde (Army)</u>	<u>Transferred to 2nd Army</u>	<u>Stung</u>	<u>29.6.16</u>	<u>List from Records London</u>
<u>22.1.17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Taken on strength in 3rd Lt</u>	<u>Advershal</u>	<u>15.1.17</u>	<u>List no 171</u>
<u>19.3.17</u>	<u>to 2nd Bde</u>	<u>Left for France</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>19.3.17</u>	<u>From Roll</u>
<u>31.3.17</u>	<u>to 2nd Bde</u>	<u>Posted to 5th Bty.</u>	<u>In the field</u>	<u>27.3.17</u>	<u>B213 (15/29 of 11/4/17)</u>
<u>6.10.17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Detached to 4th Army Artillery School</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>28.9.17</u>	<u>B213 (12/371)</u>

(1) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army-Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (2) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c. W. 9635—M2733 2000m 9.17 (35611) C. P. & S., Ltd., Form B./103 E/1807. P.T.O.

Date	Received					
3-11-17	of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	Rejoined unit	In the Field	29-10-17	B213	(H6/H04)
2-2-18	do	Wounded in action	do	25-1-18	B213	
25-1-18	of 404 <sup>th</sup> Bn. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Amb.	Adm + tpf to 665.	do	25-1-18	A36 X 7443	
26-1-18	of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	Adm 25-1-18 + tpf to AT.	do	26-1-18	A36 X 7443	
26-1-18	of 404 <sup>th</sup> Bn. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Amb. Bde Hosp	Admitted	do	26-1-18	W303H X 7378	Part II 6/51 do (30-722)
29-1-18	do	Tpf to England	do	29-1-18	W3083X 7495 W303HX 7515	do (Part II 7/71)
14-2-18	Agos in 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Amb.	Adm City of London Tric Hosp	England	29-1-18	DR. H61X 7643	
18-2-18	do	Tpf to in 3 <sup>rd</sup> Con Hosp	Hornchurch	13-2-18	DR. H73 X 8105	
13-3-18	of 4 <sup>th</sup> Com Depot	Marched in (Leave to 2/4/18)	Leafield	11-3-18	Re orders 62 X 8879	
23-4-18	Agos in 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Amb.	Returning to in 2 <sup>nd</sup> on duty furlough	England		Ref 12/14/ W H 34	
1/5/18	do	EMBARKED FOR N.Z.	Wellington	1/5/18	1/5/18 NOM ROLE	

ENTERED ON HISTORY SERIES  
acc 13/7/18



Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps Cooper Auckland M.R. 3rd

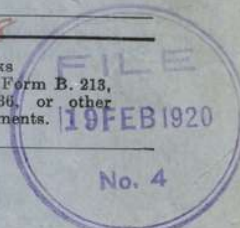
Regimental No. 13/12 Rank Private Name Alan No. Alfred Darwin

Enlisted (a) 15/8/14 Terms of Service (a) 9 Duration War Service reckons from (a) 15/8/14

Date of promotion to } 26.9.16 Date of appointment } Numerical position on }  
present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) Drummer

Dup Original handed out 20/4/18



Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be given in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
15/8/15	A.M.R.	Reported Sick	Dardanelles	13.8.15	A. 8. B 213.
25/8/15	St. David's Hospital	Admitted to Hospital	Malta	20.8.15	Injuring to back A. 8. A 36. 62466.
		Transf. to H.S. Accidents for	England	26/8/15	
4/9/15	10th Southern Gen. Hosp.	Admitted to Hospital	Birmingham	11/9/15	List. No. H403.
11/6	4th Depot	Taken on strength	Greytowners	11.1.16	Last 11 order 221
	4th Amk	Struck off strength	of Amk	13/2/16	B 213 6/15/16 <u>also 6 notes</u>
29.6.16	9c M3 Records Eng.	Transf to NZFA.	Greytowners	29.6.16	(B 213 1544 Eng)
	4th Amk			7.7.16	Ret from Records London
27/7	London	Taken on strength	Aldershot	15.1.17	A-11 20.171
19.3.17	N.Z.F.A.	Left for France		19.3.17	From Rocl
31.3.17	Ob 2 Bde Post d to 5 Batty		France	27.3.17	B 213 (5/12.9) of 1/17
6.10.17	do	Detached to 4th Army Artillery School	Field	28.9.17	B 213 (42/37)
3.11.17	do	Rejoined Unit	do	29.10.17	B 213 (116/4015)

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
(b) e.g., Signaller, Shoering Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

Date	Report		Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.			
2-2-18	Ab 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde	<u>Wounded in action</u>	Field	25-1-18	B213
25-1-18	704 NZEF Amb.	Adm + transfer to 665.	do	25-1-18	W 3085 X 7443 A36 X 7443
26-1-18	Ab 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde 660	Adm $\frac{25}{18}$ + transfer to A.T.	do	26-1-18	A36 X 7443
26.1.18	St John's amb bde HQ	Admitted	"	26.1.18	W3034 (156) X7378 88w plldr (20722)
29-1-18	do	Transfer to 679	"	29-1-18	W 3085 X 7443 W 3034 do 7171 X7575
4-2-18	4220 NZEF (UK)	Admitted at Weymouth Mil Hosp	"	29-1-18	W 3034 X 7443 W 3034 X 7443
18 2 18	do	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde to NZ Conv HQ	Hornchurch	13 2 18	SR 473 X 8105
13.3.18	Command Dep 81	Marched in (leave to 9/4/18)	Codford	11.3.18	PII 62062 X 8879
23 4 18	Dep 81 NZEF UK	Retd to NZ on duty furlough	England	—	Ref 17/4/W 434 16504
4.5.18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	for SS "Uliarua" Promoted Corporal	" Liverpool Field	1-5-18 to date	17/5/W 790 16825 B213 (20/196)
24-4-18	91c NZ Comm Dep	Marched out to Disch. Dep.	Lorquay	24-4-18	P2-96 H 939
10-5-18	4220 NZEF (UK)	Taken on Strength	do	24-4-18	B. No 9 H 223

Ref 18/7/10793

Reinforcement: *M.B.*

# HISTORY-SHEET.

(E.F. Form No. 3A.)

COPY FOR CAMP.

*2nd Infantry Coy*  
 Rank: *Capt* Surname: *Blanks* Christian Name: *Alfred Barron* No. *13/12*

Occupation: *Mechanic* Religion: *Brighton Lane 20 New St - Anglican* Last New Zealand address: *Ponsonby*  
 Last employer: *Linger Sewing Mac. Co Auckland 13.1.85*

Name, relationship, and address of next-of-kin (if not resident in New Zealand, insert also name and address of nearest relative in New Zealand):  
*Mr E. Blanks ✓  
 47 Wellington St  
 Milsom's Point  
 Nth Sydney N.S.W.*

Service	Country or Troopship.	Date from	Date to	Total.		Initials of Officer making Entry.	Home Service.	
				Years.	Days.		Years.	Days.
...	<i>M Foreign</i>	<i>6.9.14</i>	<i>16.10.14</i>					
	<i>Ret Ulindroa</i>	<i>16.10.14</i>	<i>17.6.18</i>					
		<i>17.6.18</i>						

Wounds	CABLE.		Where Soldier located.	Message and Remarks.
	No.	Date.		
...	<i>5395</i>	<i>4.2.18</i>	<i>Ldn</i>	<i>adm Ldn Mil Hosp Clapton 29.1.18 G.S.W. R. Shiner</i>
	<i>5429</i>	<i>8.2.18</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>bond d/p A/H Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 18/8 Shoulder</i>
	<i>5500</i>	<i>18.2.18</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Trans Com Hosp H'chch - 18.2.18.</i>
	<i>BR498</i>	<i>19.3.18</i>	<i>Wk</i>	<i>dis to Cadfa H'chch on leave 11.3.18 Rept Coy 26.4.18</i>

				<i>For previous cable see file.</i>
Sick	<i>211</i>	<i>24.9.15</i>		<i>Adm 1st Gen term General Hosp Birmingham</i>
	<i>no 1</i>	<i>11.11.16</i>	<i>Hornchurch</i>	<i>Trans J. Beynon to Camp 11.11.16 taken on etc of Depot.</i>
	<i>Roll</i>	<i>14.6.16</i>	<i>Hornchurch</i>	<i>left depot to return to active service.</i>

Killed in action ...  
 Died of wounds\* / sickness\* ...  
 Missing ...  
 Prisoner ...  
 Injuries in or by the Service ...

COPY FOR CAMP.

Discharge ... Provisional: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) Intended address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Final: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.)

Pension ...

\* Strike out words not required.



**MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.**

No. 13/12

Name: Alfred Edwin Blanks

		Country.	From.	To.	Years.	Days.	Initials of Officer making entry.						
1. Service record. ...  2. Certificates. ... 3. Passed classes of instruction. <small>(This includes any authorized class of instruction.)</small> 4. Active service ... 5. Wounded ... 6. Effects of wounds ... 7. Special instances of gallant or meritorious conduct.		N.Z. Hungary No 8 897pk	15/8/14 12/10/14 14th 12/14	12/10/14 3/12/14 Dunbar Red Alexandria	— —	50 (59) 52	S.M. S.N.						
		8. Medals and decorations. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Medal.</th> <th>Clasps.</th> <th>Date of Grant.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>						Name of Medal.	Clasps.	Date of Grant.			
	Name of Medal.	Clasps.	Date of Grant.										
		9. Injuries in or by the Service.											
		10. Name and address of next-of-kin. <p><u>Mrs E Blanks</u> <u>59. Short St</u> <u>Sydney N.S.W</u></p>											
	11. Particulars as to Marriage.	(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether Spinster or Widow.		(b) Place and Date of Marriage.		(c) Name of Officiating Minister or Registrar.							
		(a)	(b)	(c)									
	12. Particulars as to Children.	Christian Names.		Date and Place of Birth.		Where registered.							

NOTE.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur, and initialled by the officer making the entry.

Intended place of residence on discharge : \_\_\_\_\_

Regiment or Corps.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Rank.	Dates.	Signature of Officer certifying Correctness of Entries.
<i>Auckland Mounted Rifles</i>	<i>A tested</i>	<i>Plc</i>	<i>15.8.1914</i>	<i>London Harry Sgt</i>
—	<i>Adm. Capt. (strained back)</i>		<i>11.9.15</i>	<i>Geo</i>
<i>A.M.R.</i>	<i>Dech " to furlough</i>		<i>9.10.15</i>	<i>Geo</i>
	<i>Arrived Depot.</i>		<i>25.10.15</i>	<i>Geo</i>
	<i>Absent from Regt 6 months &amp; struck off strength</i>	<i>Ppl</i>	<i>15.2.16</i>	<i>J. Coates</i>
—	<i>Marched into Ling Camp</i>	<i>Pvt. Pte.</i>	<i>14.6.16</i>	<i>Geo</i>
<i>N.Z.F.A.</i>	<i>" " Sidw. (2nd P. 201A 14/6/16)</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>14-6-16</i>	<i>Geo</i>
	<i>Transf'd to (S. Pt II No. 1017.)</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>29.6.16</i>	<i>Geo Jolly</i>
"	<i>(via H.A.S. No. 10-10. Pt. II)</i>	<i>" "</i>		
	<i>Marched out &amp; struck off strength Sidw. (2nd P. 201A 3-7-16)</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>2-7-16</i>	<i>Horesh</i>

**NEW FILE  
BEGINS**

**NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.**

**PERSONAL RECORD of**

Registration No. 13/12

(Surname)

(Christian name)

B L A N K S

ALFRED DARWIN

**REGIMENT:** 3rd A.M.B.

**GROUP:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

	Army No
1st NZEF	<u>13/12</u>
2nd NZEF	
RF - TF	

PREVIOUS PAPER:

SUBSEQUENT PAPER:

MEDAL ACTION COMPLETE

**DISCHARGED**

29. 9. 18.

no longer physically fit for War Service on account of illness contracted on active service.

SERVICE CARD PREPARED.

**URGENT.****Application by a Discharged Soldier for Treatment.****QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO THE DISCHARGED SOLDIER.**

1. What is your name? BLANKS Alfred Darwin  
(Full Christian names to be entered.)
2. What was your Regimental number, and what was your rank at time of discharge? 13/12 Cpl.
3. When were you discharged? October 1918
4. What was your address at the time of your discharge? 34 John Street Ponsonby
5. What is your present address? Same Auckland
6. If given treatment at the expense of the Defence Department, will you carry out the rules and regulations of the institution in which you are being treated, and not delay your recovery by misconduct? Yes
- Signature of discharged soldier: [Signature]

Place: AucklandDate: 9.3.20

(To be filled in by the medical officer who examines the applicant and immediately forwarded by him to the A.D.M.S. of the district.)

THE above-mentioned discharged soldier has applied for medical treatment on account of RT

Inguinal Hernia  
caused or aggravated by military service. In my opinion he requires treatment as an  in-patient  out-patient  
of Auckland Mil. Hospital.

- If as an out-patient state
1. Approximate period of treatment required: 1 month
  2. Approximate percentage of disability: total while in hospital

Here state briefly necessity for treatment, and any special recommendation, if any:

RT Inguinal Hernia requiring operation

He is at present receiving treatment as an  in-patient  out-patient as from

Place: 9.3.20Date: AucklandSignature of medical officer: [Signature]

\* Strike out if not required.

**CERTIFICATE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES.**

1. I CERTIFY that the above-named discharged soldier is entitled to receive treatment at a hospital or convalescent home on account of disabilities shown on his medical file to have been contracted or aggravated by service in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

2. He is allocated to Auckland Mil. Hospital as  in-patient  out-patient from 10.3.20

3. The above-named discharged soldier is not entitled to receive medical treatment at the expense of the Defence Department under paragraph 130a, R.S.H.

State here any other reasons, if necessary:

[Signature]

Lieut. Colonel,  
Assistant Director of Medical Services.

Date: 9.3.20

\* Strike out lines not required.

# NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

N.Z.R. 2.

Rank *Captain* Name *Blanks Alfred Darwin* Unit *N. Z. F. A. No. 13/12*  
 Enltd. *15.8.14* M. or S. *S* D. of Birth *13.1.85* Occupn. *Mechanic* Ht. *5-10* Wt. *162 lbs.*  
 Hair *Brown* Eyes *Brown* Complexn. *Dark* Relgn. *C.P.* Inocln. *x*  
 N/K *Mrs E Blanks, 59 Short St, Sydney, N.S.W.*

PROMOTIONS, CASUALTIES, MOVEMENTS, etc.

DATE OF CASUALTY.

AUTHORITY AND DATE OF SAME.

FEB 1920  
INITIALS.

*A. Aldershot*

*15.1.17*

*Wgms. Gen. Pt. 11/17  
No. 171 22.1.17*

*TO Overseas ex A. DERSHOT.*

*19.3.17*

*Wgms. P. 220/21.17*

*Posted to 5th Bty*

*27.3.17*

*2nd Bn. 15th Div. 7th*

*Detached to 4th Army Artillery School*

*28.9.17*

*42/70.17*

*Rejoined 5th Bty ex Artillery School*

*29.10.17*

*46/14.11.17*

*Adm. City of Lon. Mil. Hosp. Clapton N.E.*

*29.1.18*

*SR 461 4.2.18 MM*

*Adm. H. of A. B. H.*

*26.1.18*

*462 9.2.18 MM*

*Reported wounded. Date unknown*

*Pa. 28. P. 3 6/16.2.18*

*Date given. admission to Hosp.*

*26.1.18*

*36.732 - 8.2.18*

*To Church ex City of Lon. M. H.*

*17.2.18*

*28.183 15.2.18 MM*

*To Godford ex Church. on leave 11.3.18*

*9.4.18*

*God. P. 3 6/13.3.18*

*To Longway ex Godford. (Duty post)*

*21.4.18*

*96/24.5.18*

*TO NZ Per Ullmaroo*

*1.5.18*

*SR. 543 - 9.5.18*

*Promoted Capt.*

*26.9.16*

*Pa. 28. H. 3 20/16.5.18*

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 2nd Bn (Army) The Army Bde 5th Bty  
 Rank Em Surname Alan Christian Name Alfred Darwin

Religion  Age on Enlistment  years  months

Enlisted (a) 15.8.14 Terms of Service Duration of War Service reckons from (a) 15.8.14

Date of promotion to present rank  Date of appointment to lanc rank

Extended  Re-engaged  Qualification (b) Immuniser  
 or Corps Trade and rate

Occupation  Signature of Officer

Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received			
		Embarked		
		Disembarked		
		Embarked for		
15.8.15	Self, M.R.	Reported sick	NO	15.8.15 B213
28.8.15	1st Lt Davis's Hosp	Adm to Hospital	Malta	20.8.15 Injury to Back.
28.8.15	DO	Adm to Eng per H.S. Occasions	DO	26.8.15 A36 B3H66
11.9.15	1st Lt Davis's Hosp	Adm to Hospital	Birmingham	11.9.15 1st Lt H.H.03
11.1.16	1st Lt Davis's Hosp	Taken on Strength	Worcester	11.1.16 Part 2 Order No 1
29.6.16	1st Lt Davis's Hosp	Taken to 2nd Bty	Slings	29.6.16
22.1.17	DO	Taken on Strength 2nd Bty	Adversal	15.1.17 Pt 70171
19.3.17	1st Lt Davis's Hosp	Left for France	NO	19.3.17 From Roll
31.3.17	1st Lt Davis's Hosp	Posted to 5th Bty	In the Field	27.3.17 B213 15/29
6.10.17	DO	Detached to 4th Army Bde	NO	28.9.17 B213 (1621)

See in the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or entered into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 W. 403-32793 2000a 8/17 (2011) C. P. & S., Ltd., Form B.103 B/100. P.T.O.

Serial 1044-11-11-11

Date

Received

3/11/17	9/2nd Bde	Regiment unit	South Field	29101745713	(H6/H04)
22-18	do	Wounded in Action	do	25118	B213
25-1-18	9/2nd Bde	Adm 7 to 665	do	25118	A36 X 7443
26-1-18	9/2nd Bde	Adm 25118 to 665	do	26118	A36 X 7443
26-1-18	9/2nd Bde	Admitted	do	26118	W303H X 7575 W 3083X 7495
29-1-18	do	Left to England	do	29118	W303H 7515
4-2-18	9/2nd Bde	Adm City of London to Hosp	England	29118	DR H61X 7643
18-2-18	do	Left to 9/2nd Com Hosp	Herechurch	1328	DR H73 X 8105
13-3-18	9/2nd Com Depot	Marched in (Barrack 49/4/18)	Hereford	11318	DR 62 X 8879
23-4-18	9/2nd Bde (unit)	Returning to 9/2nd Com Depot	England		Ref 12/11/18 H3H 1650H
1/5/18	9/2nd Bde	EMBARKED FOR N.Z.	Wellington	10/18	NOM ROLL

ENTERED ON HISTORY INDEX  
see 12/9/18



Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 30, or in other official documents. The authority to be stated in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 30, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
2-2-18	66 <sup>th</sup> Bd	Wounded in action	Field	25-1-18	B213 See 1st Lt. Butler's report.
25-1-18	70 <sup>th</sup> NZEF Amb Co	Adm + transfer to 66 <sup>th</sup> Bd.	do	25-1-18	A36 X7663
26-1-18	8 <sup>th</sup> Gen 66 <sup>th</sup> Bd	Adm <sup>25</sup> / <sub>18</sub> + transfer to A.P.	do	26-1-18	A36 X7663
26-1-18	St John's Amb Co	Admitted	"	26-1-18	n 3034 X7378 SS16 Bllden
29-1-18	do	Transfer to Coy	"	29-1-18	n 3034 X7492 X7575 do 7021
4-2-18	44 <sup>th</sup> NZEF (UK)	Admitted to hospital	"	29-1-18	X7575 17643
18-2-18	do	24 <sup>th</sup> to NZ Conv Hq	Hornchurch	18-2-18	SR 473 X8105
13-3-18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Command Coy	Marched in (lea + to 9/1/18)	Codford	11-3-18	SR 473 X8105
23-4-18	NZEF UK	Ret'd to NZ on duty furlough	England		Ref 17/4/11434 16304
4-5-18	66 <sup>th</sup> Bd	Promoted Corporal	Field	1-5-18	17/4/11434 16305
24-4-18	66 <sup>th</sup> Bd	Marched out to Disch Dep	Lisieux	24-4-18	12 76 11939
20-5-18	44 <sup>th</sup> NZEF (UK)	Taken on strength	do	20-5-18	B. 709 11223

Ref 18/7/10793

**MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.**No. 13/12Name: Alfred Edwin Blanks

	Country.	From.	To.	Years.	Days.	Initials of Officer for each entry.
1. Service record. ...	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Hussars No 8 Coy</u>	<u>5/8/14</u> <u>12/10/14</u> <u>11<sup>th</sup> 8/12/14</u>	<u>12/10/14</u> <u>3/12/14</u> <u>Alexandria</u>	—	<u>59</u> <u>52</u>	<u>J.M.</u> <u>S.N.</u>
2. Certificates. ...						
3. Passed classes of instruction. (This includes any authorized class of instruction.)						
4. Active service ...						
5. Wounded ...						
6. Effects of wounds ...						
7. Special instances of gallant or meritorious conduct.						
	Name of Medal.	Class.	Date of Grant.			
8. Medals and decorations.						
9. Injuries in or by the Service.						
10. Name and address of next-of-kin.	<u>Mrs E Blanks</u> <u>579, Short St</u> <u>Sydney N.S.W.</u>					
11. Particulars as to Marriage.	(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether Sister or Widow.		(b) Place and Date of Marriage.			
	(a)	(b)	(c)			
12. Particulars as to Children.	Christian Names.		Date and Place of Birth.		Where registered.	

NOTE.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur, and initialled by the officer making the entry.

Intended place of residence on discharge :

Regiment or Corps.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Rank.	Dates.	Signature of Officer certifying Correctness of Entries.
Auckland Mounted Rifles	A despatch	Pfc	15 8 1914	Lester Army Sgt
A.M.R.	Adv Capt. (shown back) sent " to patrol Award. Dept.		11 9 15 9 10 15 25 10 15	L.P. L.P. L.P.
A.M.R.	Absent from Regt 6 months & struck off strength	Cpl.	13-2-16	L.P. Cooke
N.Z.A.	Marched into King Camp <small>2 days from 20th 1914</small>	Cpl. L.P.	14-6-16	L.P.
N.Z.A.	Transf'd to (S. P. II No 1017) (No. 1017 to 1010. S. II)	" "	29-6-16	L.P.
"	Marched out & struck off strength Sidmouth <small>(24/20/14)</small> <small>3-7-16</small>	" "	2-7-16	L.P.

Re-enforcement: *M.B.*

**HISTORY-SHEET.**

(E.F. Form No. 34)

**COPY FOR CAMP.**

Rank	Surname	Christian Name	No.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Blanks</i>	<i>Alfred</i>	<i>13/12</i>

Occupation: *Mechanic* Religion: *Brighton Unice* Last New Zealand address: *20 New St -*  
*Anglican*  
 Last employer: *Linger Sewing Mac Co* *13.1.85* *Parsonby*

Name, relationship and address of next-of-kin (if not resident in New Zealand, insert also name and address of nearest relative in New Zealand):  
*Mr E. Blanks*  
*27 Trillonghy St*  
*Milemas Point*  
*N.S. Sydney Aust.*

Country or Troopship	Date from	Date to	Total		Initials of Officer making Entry	Home Service	
			Years	Days		Years	Days
<i>M Foreign</i>	<i>6.9.14</i>	<i>16.10.14</i>					
<i>Ret blimbora</i>	<i>16.10.14</i>	<i>7.6.18</i>					
	<i>7.6.18</i>						

CABLE No.	Date	Where Soldier located.	Message and Remarks.
<i>5429</i>	<i>8.2.18</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>band d/p a/H Jan 26/18</i>
<i>5500</i>	<i>18.2.18</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Trans Com Corp H'ch - 13.2.18.</i>
<i>BR 498</i>	<i>19.2.18</i>	<i>Wk</i>	<i>bro to Cadfa H'ch on leave 1.2.18</i>

			<i>For previous cable see file.</i>
<i>211</i>	<i>24.9.18</i>		<i>adm at Gen term General Corp</i>
<i>201</i>	<i>11.11.16</i>	<i>Hornchurch</i>	<i>Stg of byz on the camp 11.6.16</i>
<i>201</i>	<i>14.6.16</i>	<i>Hornchurch</i>	<i>deft has pot to return to active service</i>

Killed in action ...  
 Died of wounds\* / sickness\* ...  
 Missing ...  
 Prisoner ...  
 Injuries in or by the Service ...

Discharge ...  
 Provisional: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)  
 Final: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)  
 Intended address: \_\_\_\_\_

Pension ...

**COPY FOR CAMP.**

\* Strike out words not required.



# NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

## ATTESTATION OF

No 15/17 Name: Alfred Darwin Blanks Regiment or Unit: A.M.R.

*Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. What is your name? ...  | 1. <u>Alfred Darwin Blanks</u>                            |
| 2. Where were you born? ...  | 2. <u>Brighton Sussex</u>                                 |
| 3. Are you a British subject? ...  | 3. <u>yes</u>   |
| 4. What is the date of your birth? ...   | 4. <u>Jan. 13. 1885.</u>                                  |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? ...  | 5. <u>Mechanic.</u>                                       |
| 6. Are you an indentured apprentice? If so, where, and to whom? ...  | 6. <u>no</u>  |
| 7. What was the address at which you last resided? ...   | 7. <u>20 Gros. St. Ponsonby.</u>                          |
| 8. Have you passed the Fourth Educational Standard or its equivalent? ...  | 8. <u>yes</u>   |
| 9. What is the name and address of your present or last employer? ...  | 9. <u>Singer Sewing machine Co<br/>Zulen St Auckland.</u> |
| 10. Are you married? ...   | 10. <u>no</u>   |
| 11. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil power? If so, when and where? ...  | 11. <u>no</u>   |
| 12. Do you now belong to any military or naval force? If so, to what corps? ...  | 12. <u>no</u>   |
| 13. Have you ever served in any military or naval force? If so, state which and cause of discharge? ...  | 13. <u>yes 7 yrs Lancashire<br/>Infantry</u>              |
| 14. Have you truly stated the whole (if any) of your previous service? ...   | 14. <u>yes</u>  |
| 15. Have you been registered for compulsory military training under the Defence Act, 1909? If so, where? ...   | 15. <u>no</u>   |
| 16. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the military or naval forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? ...  | 16. <u>no</u>   |
| 17. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ...   | 17. <u>yes</u>  |
| 18. Are you willing to serve in the Expeditionary Force in or beyond the Dominion of New Zealand under the following conditions, provided your services should so long be required: For the term of the present European war, and for such further period as is necessary to bring the Expeditionary Force back to New Zealand and disband it? ... | 18. <u>yes</u><br><u>one of previous attest 15/8/14</u>   |

NOTE.—Your discharge will not be granted before your return to New Zealand unless permission for discharge elsewhere be obtained from the G.O.C. the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

I, Alfred Darwin Blanks, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Signature of Recruit: A. D. Blanks

Signature of Witness: J. J. Weir

*Oath to be taken by Recruit on attestation.*

I, Alfred Darwin Blanks, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully serve in the New Zealand Military Forces, according to my liability under the Defence Act, and that I will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me, until I shall be lawfully discharged. So help me, God.

*Certificate of Magistrate or Attesting Officer.*

The above questions were read to the above-named Recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Epsom Camp, N.Z., on this 6th day of

Sept 1914

Signature of Attesting Officer J. J. Weir

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, the Attesting Officer should be requested to make it and initial the alterations.

2

**Description of Alfred Darwin Blanks on Enlistment**

Apparent age: 29 years 7 months.  
 (To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Service.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

Height: 5 feet 10 inches  
 Weight: ~~118~~ 162 lb.  
 Chest measurement: { Minimum, 32 inches  
 { Maximum, 35 inches  
 Complexion: Dark  
 Colour of eyes: Brown  
 Colour of Hair: Dark Brown  
 Religious profession: Anglican.

*Medical Examination.*

Sight: Right eye, Normal  
 " Left eye, Normal  
 Hearing: Right ear, Normal  
 " Left ear, Normal  
 Colour-vision: Normal  
 Are his limbs well formed? Yes  
 Are the movements of all his joints full and perfect? Yes  
 Is his chest well formed? Yes  
 Is his heart normal? Yes  
 Are his lungs normal? Yes  
 What is the condition of his teeth? Fair

Is he free from hernia? Yes  
 Is he free from varicocele? Yes  
 Is he free from varicose veins? Yes  
 Is he free from haemorrhoids? Yes  
 Is he free from inveterate or contagious skin-disease? Yes  
 Is there a distinct mark of vaccination? Yes  
 Is he in good bodily and mental health and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with the efficient performance of his duties? Yes  
 Are there any slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection? No

*Remarks.*

next of kin  
(Mrs) Emma Blanks (mother)  
59 Short Street  
Balmain  
Sydney  
N.S.W.

*Certificate of Medical Examination.*

I have examined the above-named, and find he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

I consider him fit for service in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

15/9/1914  
 J. Anderson, Printer, re-examined

Fredrick Cameron *Medical Officer.*

# MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname: Blanks Christian Name: Alfred Darwin

Examined: On 10<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1914  
 At Auckland  
 Birthplace: Town, Brighton  
 Country, Sussex Eng  
 Declared age: 29 years 7 mos.  
 Trade or occupation: Mechanic  
 Height: 5 ft., 10 in.  
 Weight: 162 lb.  
 Chest-measurement: Minimum, 32 in.  
 Maximum expansion, 35 in.  
 Physical development: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Small-pox marks: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vaccination marks: Right \_\_\_\_\_ Left \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arm, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number, \_\_\_\_\_  
 When vaccinated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical Officer, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Examined for re-engagement: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_  
 \* Considered: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical Officer, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* If c. 51, state disability.  
Anti Typhoid Inoculation 15.10.1914.  
 Re-vaccinated on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_  
 Arm: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Result: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical Officer, \_\_\_\_\_

Enlisted on 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1914, at Auckland

	Corps.	Regimental No.	Date.
Joined on enlistment	<u>mted Rifles</u>	<u>13/12</u>	<u>15<sup>th</sup> Aug 1914</u>
Transferred to	<u>N.Z. I.A.</u>	"	<u>29. 6. 16.</u>

## PROPOSED FOR DISCHARGE BY A MEDICAL BOARD.

Station.	Date.	Disease.	Result.

N.B.—This sheet to be disposed of in accordance with instructions in the Regulations for Army Medical Services on the man becoming non-effective, the date and cause being stated at the foot of next page.

