

# LAWSON, L.

Our research indicates that this soldier was Thomas Leslie Lawson, born in Carlton in 1890 to Thomas James Lawson and Catherine (Kate) Heatley who were married at St Michael's Church of England, North Carlton, in 1889. Thomas Leslie was the eldest of their three children and, as his father was Thomas, he may well have been called Leslie. L. Lawson was a member of the St Jude's Cricket Team in 1913, together with P. Elliott who may have been P N Elliott who is also on the Honour Roll.

Thomas Leslie enlisted in 1915 and was attached to the Australian Army Pay Corps (SERN 1240). He was then transferred to 1st Divisional Signal Coy and allotted SERN 205. He is not listed in the AIF Project, but his SERN 205 documents show that he served in France and returned to Melbourne in 1919 with a 'war bride', Minnie West whom he had married in London. He died in 1953.

First page of Thomas Leslie Lawson's Service Record, B2455 SERN 1240.

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1240 Name LAWSON, Thomas Leslie  
Unit 6th Div. 1st Div. Sig. Coy.  
Joined on 3/3/15

*Ind. 1240*

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name!	...	...	...	...	<u>Thomas Leslie Lawson</u>
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born!	...	...	...	...	2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of _____ in the County of _____
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject! (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)	...	...	...	...	3. _____
4. What is your Age!	...	...	...	...	4. <u>24</u>
5. What is your Trade or Calling!	...	...	...	...	5. <u>blank</u>
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice! If so, where, to whom, and for what period!	...	...	...	...	6. _____
7. Are you married!	...	...	...	...	7. <u>No.</u>
8. Who is your next of kin! (Address to be stated)	...	...	...	...	8. <u>(Father) Thomas James Lawson</u> <u>77 Wilson Street</u> <u>Princes Hill, Melbourne</u>
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power!	...	...	...	...	9. <u>now mem. wife</u>
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy!	...	...	...	...	10. <u>14/1/14</u> <u>21/7/19</u> <u>born 527 White</u> <u>10 Warwick St.</u> <u>Holloway London</u>
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces! If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge	...	...	...	...	11. _____
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service!	...	...	...	...	12. _____
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service! If so, on what grounds!	...	...	...	...	13. _____
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)— Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day?	...	...	...	...	14. _____
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever!	...	...	...	...	15. _____

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of person enlisted \_\_\_\_\_