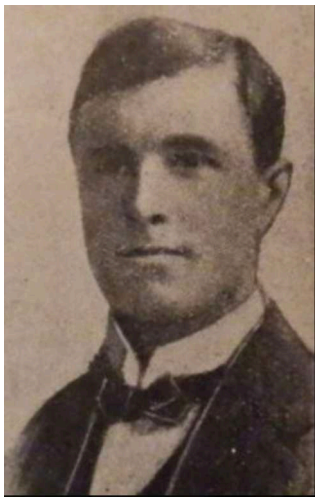
Samuel Edward Townshend [441]



The Officers of 16th Battalion AIF 1915



Left to right, back row: unidentified interpreter; Capt Harold Alfred Southern, killed in action on 2 May 1915; Lt William Buchanan Kerr, killed in action on 2 May 1915; Capt Leslie Duncan Heming, killed in action on 8 August 1915; Lt John Kingsley Langsford; Lt William Ernest Elston; Lt Harry James Burton, killed in action on 2 May 1915; Lt Edwin Theodore Knight; possibly Lt Gordon Levason Curlewis.

Middle row: Lt Alexander Peter Imlay; Lt Robert Balmain Blyth; Capt Elistar Lazar Margolin; **Capt Samuel Edward Townshend**, killed in action on 9 May 1915; Lt Ross Harwood; Wilton (no further information); Lt Arthur Edward Carse, died of wounds on 2 May 1915; Habrel (no further information); Lt Ernest Otto Alfred Bruns; Lt Frank Barnes Gladman; Lt Arthur Henry Torres Mountain, killed in action on 27 April 1915.

Front row: Major Francis Bird Carter, killed in action on 27 April 1915; Major Edgar Kendall Baker; Kendrew (no further information); Tilney (no further information); Lieutenant Colonel Harrold Pope; McDonald (no further information); Hon Lt Thomas Gorman (Quartermaster); Major William Owen Mansbridge; Capt James Miller, killed in action on 2 May 1915; Lt Edmund Herman Kretchmar, killed in action on 6 May 1915. Lying in front: Lt Norman Henry Durston, died of wounds on 9 May 1915; Lt Cyril Arthur Geddes, killed in action on 2 May 1915; Lt Kieran Leopold Anderson, killed in action on 2 May 1915.

16th Inf Bde

C.M. Form A. 22.
(Revised 1.5.13.)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Application for a Commission in the 16th Battalion A.I.F.

No.	Particulars.	
1.	Surname ... ... (To be in block letters.)	Townshend
	Other names (in full)	Samuel Edward
2.	Educational Qualifications ... (Certificate to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)	BA, LL.B. Syd. Univ.
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) (Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 66.) If serving, present rank and corps to be stated.	About 13 yrs continuous service Sydney University Scouts – Captain & Third in Command up to 2/8/14 – Recommended & this date as O.C. 22nd Infy Brigade
4.	Present Civil Employment ...	Royal Mint Perth W.A.
5.	Date of Birth and Age ... (Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)	Date of Birth. 29/6/85 — Age. 29 Years. 3 Months.
6.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject (In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.)	British Subject
7.	Married or Single ...	Single
8.	Postal Address	Mint Perth W.A.
9.	Next of Kin Father dead ...	Mrs W. Barnes "Schumacher" Allora Rd Kindy K (mother) Sydney

Date 29/9/14 (Signature of Applicant) E Townshend

NOTE.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II., and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificates.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Board, in accordance with the "Instructions for the Physical Examination of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Military Forces of the Commonwealth," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, Capt. Thos. Gregson, do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height 5 ft 11 in. Weight 10 st 8 lbs

Chest Measurement 34-36 Eyesight E E

Signature of the Examining Medical Officer) Raylton Gregson Capt. A.A.M.C.

RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)

I recommend that the candidate above-named be appointed a Captain in the Corps under my command, and I certify :—

1. *(a) That such appointment will be within the authorised establishment and provision on the Estimates for the current year, or
*(b) That such appointment, although not within the authorised establishment and provision on the Estimates for the current year, will be within the number of supernumerary officers permitted under C.M. Regulation 56.
2. †(a) That the provisions of C.M.R. 60 have been fully complied with, or
†(b) That the provisions of U.S. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or
†(c) That the provisions of N.T. Reg. 139 have been fully complied with.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to C. Squadron, ~~Battery, or~~ Coy., ~~&c.~~

H Hoffe V.D. Major

Date 21/10/14 Commanding 16th Battalion ~~Regt. or Corps.~~

RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.

Recommended, candidate considered suitable.

Date 20th Nov 1914 J.H. Mackay Colonel

Commanding C.M. Forces 5 Military District.

A.G. * Sub-para. (a) to be struck out if (b) applies, and vice versâ. † Sub-paras. not applicable to be struck out.

N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.

Seniority of Candidates to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.

C.4001.

Army Form B. 2090 A.

FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of an Officer to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213, or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

Unit — 16th Battalion AIF.

Rank — Captain.

Name — Townshend XX S.E.

By whom reported — Brigade Major 4th Inf.Brigade . Hd Quarters Gallipoli Peninsular.

Died:
- Date of death — 9/5/15.
- Place or Hospital — Gallipoli Peninsula
- Cause of Death — Killed in Action.
- Place of Burial — Not yet reported

State whether he leaves a will or not — Not yet to hand.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

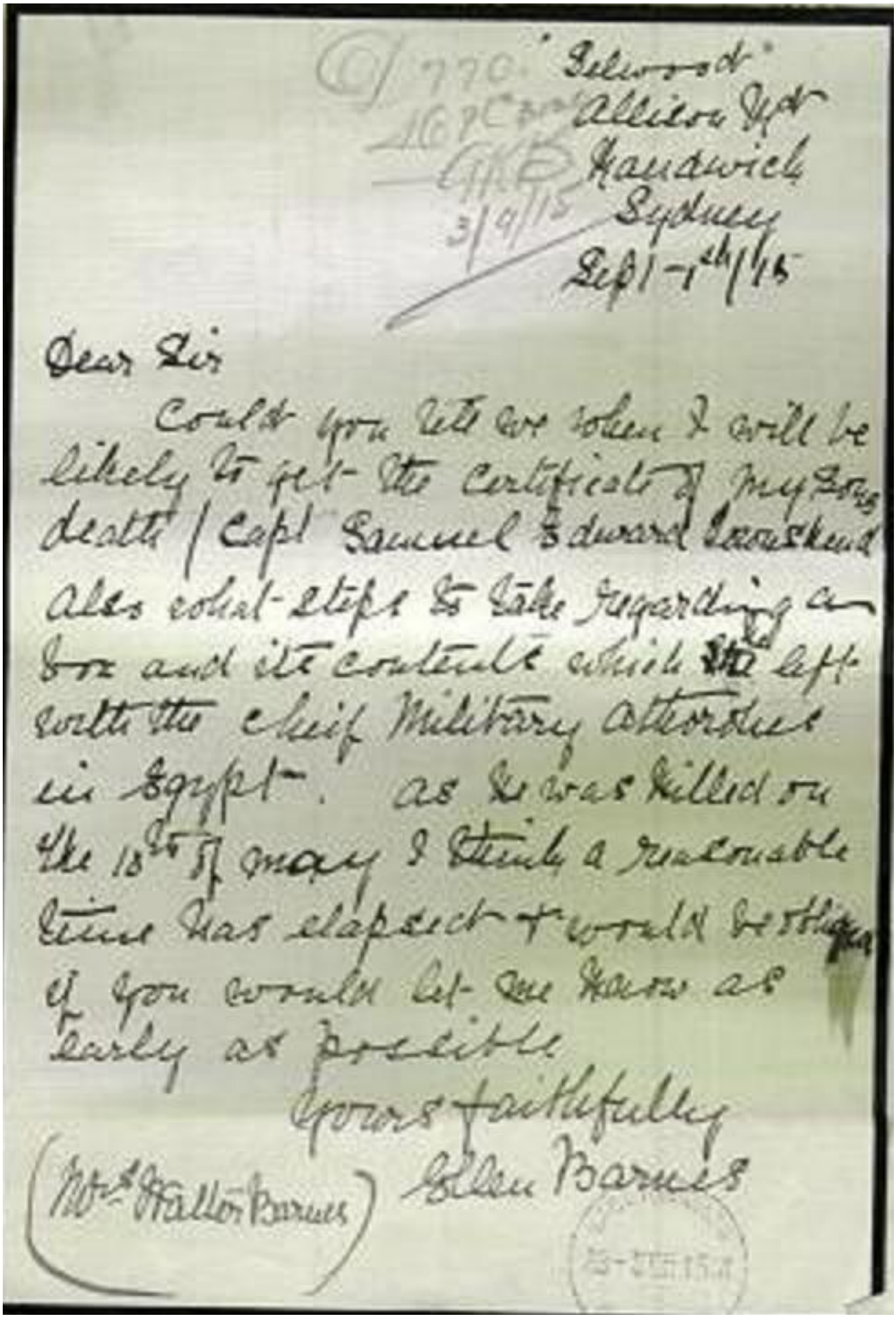
Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased Officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section, Adjutant-General's Office at the Base. — L Cyril J. Griffiths Major.

Station and date — Alexandria 21/10/15.

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Letter from Edward's Mother to the War Office



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"Selwood"
Allison Ave
Randwick
Sydney
Sept 1st/15

Dear Sir

Could you tell me when I will be likely to get the certificate of my sons death / Capt Samuel Edward Townshend also what steps to take regarding a box and its contents which he left with the chief Military Attorney in Egypt. As he was killed on the 18th of May I think a reasonable time has elapsed & would be obliged if you would let me know as early as possible

Yours faithfully
Ellen Barnes

(Mrs Walter Barnes)