



# A Soldier of the Great War

## Captain John Patrick Ramkema

### 9th Battalion AIF

Regimental number	1616
Date of birth	--/03/1893
Place of birth	Paradise Goldfields Queensland
Religion	Roman Catholic
Occupation	Stock rider
Address	Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	21
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs H Ramkema, Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland
Enlistment date	17 December 1914
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	14 December 1914
Rank on enlistment	Corporal
Unit name	<a href="#">9th Battalion, 3rd Reinforcement</a>
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board HMAT A49 <i>Seang Choon</i> on 13 February 1915
Regimental number from Nominal Roll	Commissioned
Rank from Nominal Roll	Captain
Unit from Nominal Roll	9th Battalion
Promotions	Lieutenant

Unit: INF9  
Promotion date: 3 August 1916

Recommendations (Medals and Awards) Military Cross

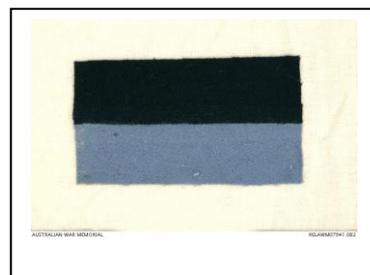
Fate  
Medals

Recommendation date: 5 July 1916  
Returned to Australia 10 September 1917  
Military Cross



'For conspicuous gallantry during a raid. He led the way into the enemy trenches and shot several of the enemy. He then rushed a dug-out, and killed seven and captured fourteen of the men inside it. He finally brought back twelve prisoners alive.'

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 176  
Date: 30 November 1916



**John Patrick Ramkema** was born in 1893 and a stockman from Paradise Goldfields near Townsville in North Queensland and was just 21 years old and 9 months when he enlisted in the AIF on the 14th December 1914.

He had already been mobilised as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> AN and MEF in August 1914 when he embarked Cairns for Thursday Island and garrison Duty there. He would also depart on the Troopship Kanowna for the capture of German New Guinea on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 1914. Due to trouble with the firemen on the ship he would not take part and return on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 1914 at which time he was discharged.

He would go on to enlist in the AIF in December and would be enlisted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> reinforcements 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion embarking from Brisbane on the Seang Choon on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1915.

*The 9th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. It was the first battalion recruited in Queensland, and with the 10th, 11th and 12th Battalions it formed the 3rd Brigade.*

*The battalion was raised within weeks of the declaration of war in August 1914 and embarked just two months later. After preliminary training, the battalion sailed to Egypt, arriving in early December. The 3rd Brigade was the covering force for the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915, and so was the first ashore at around 4.30 am. The battalion was heavily involved in establishing and defending the front line of the ANZAC beachhead. It served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December 1915.*

*After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt. It was split to help form the 49th Battalion and bought up to strength with reinforcements. In March 1916 the battalion sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918 the battalion took part in operations against the German Army. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley. The 9th Battalion attacked on the extreme right of the line and it was during this action that Private John Leak won, with the bayonet, the battalion's only Victoria Cross. Later the battalion fought at Ypres, in Flanders, before returning to the Somme for winter. In 1917 the battalion moved back to Belgium for the advance to the Hindenburg Line, and in March and April 1918 helped stop the German spring offensive. The battalion participated in the great allied offensive of 1918 and fought near Amiens on 8 August. The advance by British and empire troops was the greatest success in a single day on the Western Front, one that German General Erich Ludendorff described as "the black day of the German Army in this war".*

*The battalion continued operations until late September 1918. At 11 am on 11 November 1918, the guns fell silent. The November armistice was followed by the peace treaty of Versailles, signed on 28 June 1919.*

*In November 1918 members of the AIF began to return to Australia for demobilisation and discharge. On 5 February 1919, the 9th and 10th Battalions were amalgamated.*

John would arrive at Gallipoli in late April after the initial landing and serve until the evacuation in December 1915. While at Gallipoli he would be promoted to Corporal and then Sergeant.

In October 1915 he would be reported sick and would be transferred from ANZAC to an auxiliary Hospital ship and then spend some time in the No1 Auxiliary Hospital in Cairo with mild diarrhoea and flu like symptoms. Many soldiers had become sick like this with conditions on the Gallipoli Peninsula. He would then end up in Zeitoun and transferred back to duty. He would remain at Gallipoli until evacuation in December at which time he would be stationed at Mudros awaiting the BEF force advance to France.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1916 he was aboard the Saxonnia from Alexandria and disembarked at Marseilles and made his way to Northern France. In late April he would be promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant.

The battalion were first located at St Omer and Strazelle about west of Lille in France. They were behind the lines but not far from the front.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> April the first Australian casualties of the Western Front occur when German shells hit the farmhouse where members of the 9th Battalion, C Company are billeted at Rouge de Bois. 25 men are killed and 50 wounded.

It was here and around Armentieres that the Australian forces got their first experience in trench warfare in France. It was called the "nursery sector" and successive battalions would be prepared here the battles that lay ahead. In May the Battalion would find themselves in the Fromelles sector and around Fleurbaix.

John would be slightly wounded on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1916 in the Petillion Sector near Armentieres and would spend a small time in hospital and then return to duty. On the 29<sup>th</sup> June he would be wounded again slightly but quickly return to duty.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> August he would be awarded the Military Cross for gallantry on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June in actions around Fleurbaix and on the 9<sup>th</sup> August would be promoted to Lieutenant.

His recommendation would read:-

*'For conspicuous gallantry during a raid. He led the way into the enemy trenches and shot several of the enemy. He then rushed a dug-out, and killed seven and captured fourteen of the men inside it. He finally brought back twelve prisoners alive.'*

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Appendix No. B

Extract from Routine Orders  
by  
MAJOR-GENERAL H.B. WALKER, C.B. D.S.O.  
COMMANDING 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
August 3rd 1916.

196. HONOURS & AWARDS.

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief has, under the authority granted by His Majesty the King, made the following awards:-

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Captain M. WILDER-MELIGAN, 9th Batt. A.I.F.

MILITARY CROSS.

Lieut. H.T. YOUNG 9th Battn. A.I.F.  
2/Lieut. J.P. RAMKEMA 9th Battn. A.I.F.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

No. 2557 Sergt. L.W. BUTLER, 9th Battalion A.I.F.

MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 2110 Private P. BROWN 9th Battalion A.I.F.

The Army Corps Commander, under authority delegated to him, has made the following awards:-

MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 741 Sergt. J. KENYON 9th Battn. A.I.F.  
2772a Pte. D. MAHONEY 9th Battn. A.I.F.  
4325 " B. J. DILLON 9th Battn. A.I.F.  
2365 " J. CUNNINGHAM 9th Battn. A.I.F.  
907 " C. SMITH 9th Battn. A.I.F.

In publishing the above decorations awarded to the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and men concerned in the raid carried out by the 1st Australian Division on the night of the 1st/2nd July, the Corps Commander wishes to convey his congratulations to the recipients for the gallantry they displayed.

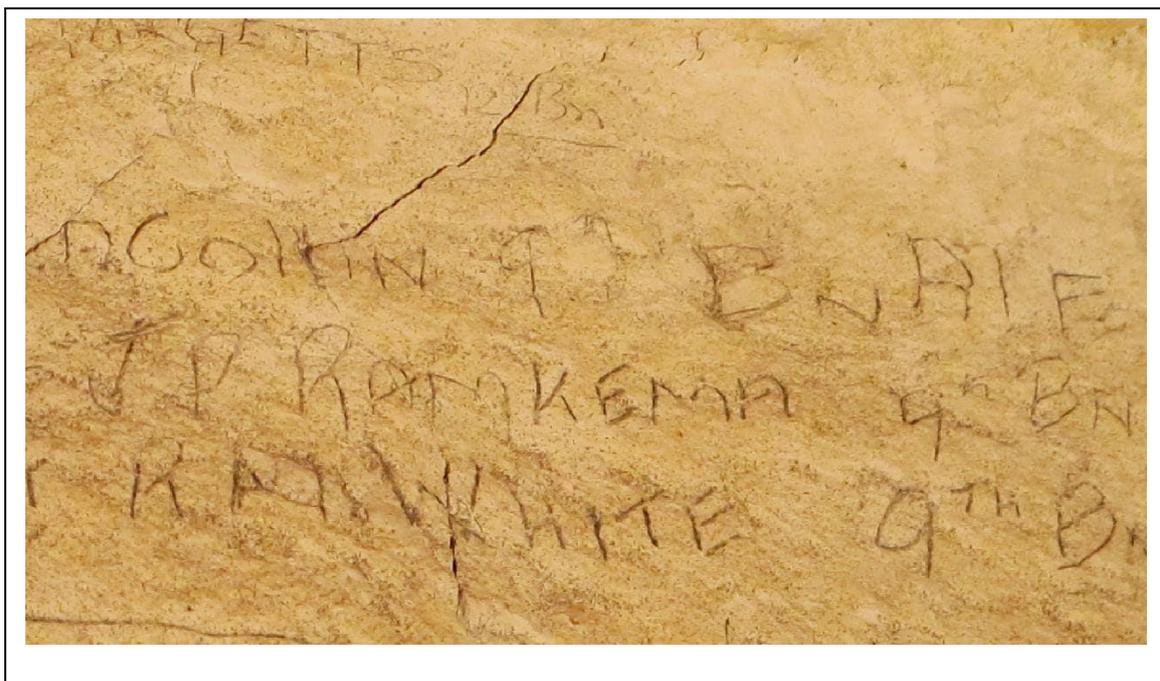
(Signed) G.C. SOMERVILLE Major  
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.  
1st Australian Division.

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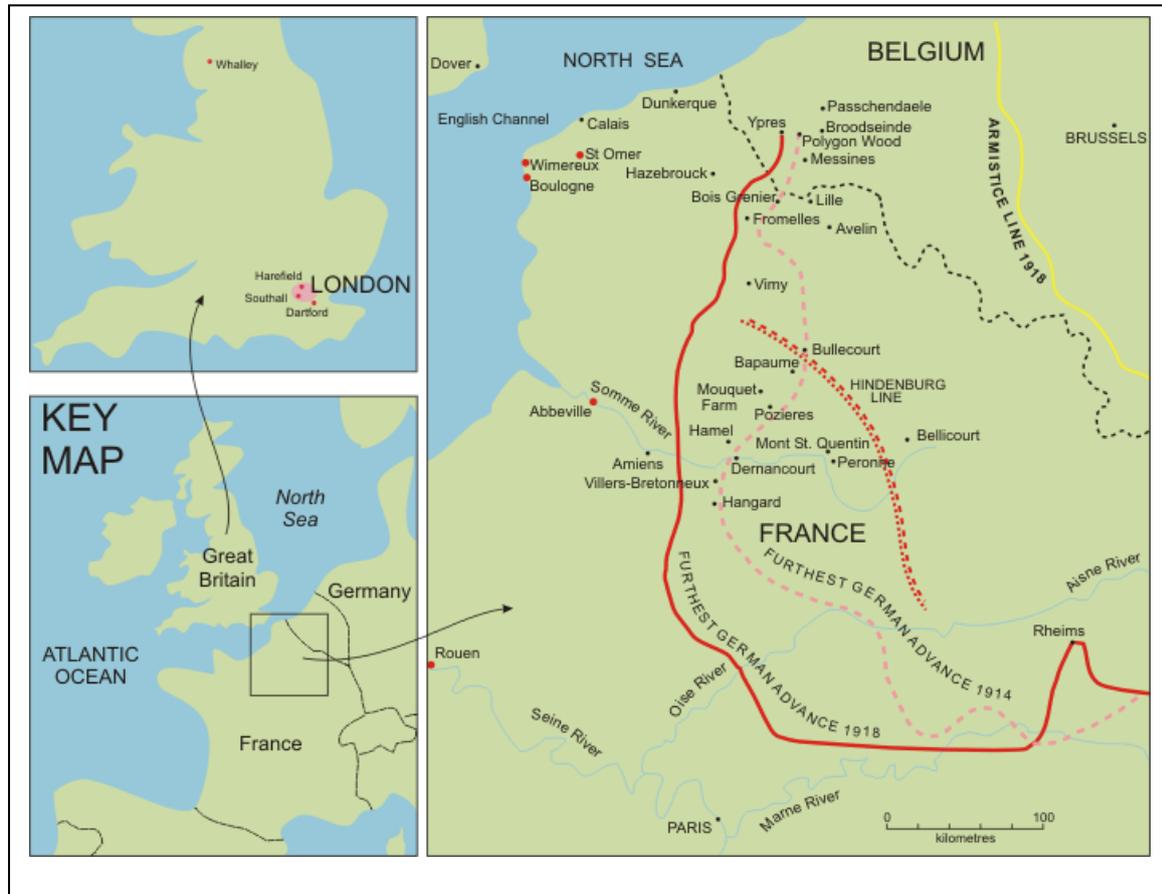
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In late July he would move to Warloy and Albert and finally onto Pozieres and relieve depleted battalions who had lost huge numbers of men.



On the 25<sup>th</sup> August during the action in and around the Pozieres area a gunshot would to the left thigh would take him out of action and to the 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance for treatment and finally back behind the lines to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Auxiliary Military Hospital at Etaples. He would eventually be evacuated back to England and the 4<sup>th</sup> General London Hospital at Denmark Hill by the 26<sup>th</sup> August 1916 for treatment and recovery..

He would remain in England and after recovery be released to training at Perham Downs Salisbury.

*Pozieres, a small village in the Somme valley in France, was the scene of bitter and costly fighting for the 1st, 2nd and 4th Australian Divisions in mid 1916.*

*The village was captured initially by the 1st Division on 23 July 1916. The division clung to its gains despite almost continuous artillery fire and repeated German counter-attacks but suffered heavily. By the time it was relieved on 27 July it had suffered 5,285 casualties.*

*The 2nd Division took over from the 1st and mounted two further attacks - the first, on 29 July, was a costly failure; the second, on 2 August, resulted in the seizure of further German positions beyond the village. Again, the Australians suffered heavily from retaliatory bombardments. They were relieved on 6 August, having suffered*

6,848 casualties.

*The 4th Division was next into the line at Pozieres. It too endured a massive artillery bombardment, and defeated a German counter-attack on 7 August; this was the last attempt by the Germans to retake Pozieres.*

Following his recovery in England he would again return to Etaples on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1916 in France and be placed on the seconded list for those who had been evacuated wounded. He would remain here until the 8<sup>th</sup> March 1917 when he would again rejoin his unit. These wounded soldiers would be slowly rehabilitated and then when well enough return to full duty. There were many tasks that needed doing behind the lines to supply the fighting troops...often more strenuous than the front line..

By the 16<sup>th</sup> March 1917, John was back with his unit again around Albert on the Somme and near Dernancourt training.

April saw action around Montabaun ,Boursies and Hermies where the battalion was in support and in the front lines.

Fighting at Morchies,Lagnicourt and Bapaume were front line duties for John at this time.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion attacked the Hindenberg line around Bapaume on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May. During this time John was wounded again for the 4<sup>th</sup> time and was treated by the 6<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance before being removed to a casualty clearing station nearby.

Again with very serious gunshot wounds to his left arm he was evacuated to the 8<sup>th</sup> General Hospital at Rouen and finally again back to England. On the 24<sup>th</sup> August he was promoted to Captain and placed on the supernumery list.

The Great War was now over for John. His left arm,due to wounds would be amputated.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> September he would depart for Australia on the Ulysess, returning on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 1917 and officially discharged in March 1918.

John would leave his mark on the cave walls at Naours as a legacy to his service and bravery during the Great War.

John would be married in 1921

RAMKEMA— BRYSON.—At Sacred Heart Church, Sandgate, on 21st October, by the Rev. Father Power, Kathleen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bryson, Palm avenue, Sandgate, to Captain J. P. Ramkema, M.C. (late 9th Battn.), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ramkema, North Queensland.

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

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**ALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1616 Name RAMKEMA, John Patrick  
 Unit 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements Infantry  
 Joined on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 1914

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

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|---|--|
| 1. What is your Name?   | 1. <u>Ramkema John Patrick</u>   |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?  | 2. In the Parish of _____ in or<br>near the Town of <u>Paradise Goldfields</u><br>in the County of <u>Queensland</u> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)   | 3. <u>Yes.</u>   |
| 4. What is your age?  | 4. <u>21 yrs 9 mos.</u>  |
| 5. What is your trade or calling?   | 5. <u>Stockman</u>   |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?  | 6. <u>No.</u>  |
| 7. Are you married?   | 7. <u>No</u>   |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)  | 8. <u>(Mother) Mrs H Ramkema</u><br><u>Flinders St West</u><br><u>Townsville</u>                                     |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?   | 9. <u>No</u>   |
| 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible 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>No.</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. <u>AN &amp; ME - 6 weeks.</u>  |
| 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. <u>No.</u>   |
| 14. (For married men and widowers with children)—<br>Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service?   | 14. _____  |

I, John Patrick Ramkema 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 14-12-14

J.P. Ramkema  
Signature of person enlisted.

Statement of Service of No. 1616 Name Pauleus, J.P.

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Reim of Inf 3 Bgde	Promoted to Corp Feb 6 1915			
Joined Bats 6/5/15 30/6/15	Debilty Ad. "Klemat Castle" 29/9/15 ✓ Ad. No 1 Case Hos 4/10/15 ✓ Proceeding to rejoins MEF ex Zeitoun 4/11/15			Pt 2/32/5734 7/10/15 Pt 2/55/6072 13/10/15 Pt 2/51/7606 8/1/15 Pt 2/8337 6/12/15 Pt 2/8589 16/12/15
	REJOINED UNIT FROM Sick 17/1/15			
	Temp Sergeant Confirmed PROMOTED 2nd Lieut 24/3/16 - Pt 2/4642 2/8/16	32-11-15		Pt II 8/A 606-25-5-1
Sivb Brisbane (Seang Choon) 13-2-15				
Appoint terminated 25/12/1917				

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

1616-B  
Army Form B. 103.

9th Inf. Battalion A. I. F.  
Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regimental No. 1616 Regiment or Corps 3 Recon<sup>g</sup> Inf Batta<sup>n</sup>  
 Enlisted (a) 1616 Rank Sgt Name Roankema John Patrick Service reckons from (a) M.C.  
 Date of promotion to present rank 6.2.15 Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. }  
 Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Report Date	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.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
		JOINED UNIT	ANZAC	6/5/15	
2/6	213-24	To Hosp. Sick	Auyae	29/9/15	
		"Hluu Caste" (Debility) Adm A.12112	Auyae	29/9/15	D 032/593A 2/10/15.
4/10	A.12758	Adm / 1 Aux Hospel cave		4/10/15	D 035/6042. 15/10/15.
3/10	C.3738	Adm 1 ACCS trans to HShip	Auyae	30/9/15	059 128
9/11	P.977.	Proceeding to join on 2/10/15	M.E.S.	4/11/15	D 051/4686. 168 8/11/15.
20/10	C.4269	Discharged to Duty at NP 1 Auyae Hosp		28/10/15	086 180

(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, Shoemng Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. P.T.O.

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 quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
20/11	O/C Bu B213-30	Rejoined unit	Gallipoli Pelliusala	7/11/15	✓ 10/1002/8324 6/12/15
4/11/15	O/C Bu B213-32	Rank of Sergeant confirmed.	Reunios	29/11/15	663/8839
		<del>Promoted 21 Spt</del>	<del>Gallipoli</del>	<del>29/11/15</del>	<del>N.O.</del>
4/1/16	O/C Tps "Grampian"	DISPATCHED BY "GRAMPIAN" FROM MUDROS	Alexandria	4/1/16	D3346
7-4-16	O C Tps SAXONIA	Proceeding to join B E F Disembarked	Alexandria Marseilles	27-3-16 3-4-16	AP 6499 LR 5179
28/4/16	O/C Bu B213	Promoted Lieutenant	Le Field	26/3/16	AT 19201 20/30 20/12
27-3-16	A.F. Orders Lark 415	To be 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut	Senatia	26-3-16	A.P. 2763
4-7-16	5 <sup>th</sup> A.M. Lot 679/3-7-16	Wounded (at duty)	Trana	2-7-16	AT 1920. Pt 446/6860 18/7/16.
7-7-16	O/C Bu	To Hospital Wounded	"	2-7-16	AQ 432 D.O. 46/5860 B 213. C18-1118-716
4-7-16	By Aust. field Ambul	admitted Super. Injured R. knee transferred to unit	"	4-7-16 8-7-16	W3034 H.P. 1877.
14-7-16	O/C Bu B 213	Rejoined unit	do	8-7-16	B 213 A.O. 10/11 D.O. 48/5725
29-7-16	do	Wounded slightly at duty	Trana	23-7-16	A 134/15 C.O. 23/52-1-16 A Q 1386 D.O. 50/5816

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 9th. BATTALION. . A. I. F. Regimental Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank LEUT Surname RAMKEMA Christian Name JOHN PATRICK  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
 Enlisted (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended ( ) Re-engaged ( ) Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Corps Trade and Rate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Date	Report From whom received	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
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked...			
2-8-16	A. I. F. Order para 196	Awarded the MILITARY CROSS for gallantry displayed whilst concerned in a raid on night 1/2nd June 1916. carried out	France	3-8-16	AK 129/23 D.O. 216397 16/8/16
9-8-16	A.I.F. Order para 196	To be Lieutenant	France	3-8-16	AK 129/23 D.O. 216397 16/8/16
25-8-16	O.C. Bn.	Wounded in Action	France	11-8-16	B. 213 A. Q. 4099 10/9/16
22-8-16	H. Res. Fld. Amb	Admitted L.W. Left Thigh	France	22-8-16	AT 129/76
<del>22-8-16</del>	<del>Liverpool Merchant Hotel</del>	<del>Admitted L.W. Left Thigh</del>	<del>France</del>	<del>22-8-16</del>	<del>AT 129/76</del>
25-8-16	Liverpool Merchant Hotel	Admitted L.W. L. Thigh	France	23-8-16	AT 129/76
26-8-16	Liverpool Merchant Hotel	Spd. to England, L.W. L. Thigh	France	25-8-16	A.M. 9/52
25-8-16	H. S. Newham W. 3023	To England, L.W. L. Thigh	France	25-8-16	D.O. 387040.16 AK 129/64 9/16

(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) Signaller, Shoemaker, &c.  
 (DPO 130) W 13012-5156 J. P. & Co., Ltd. Forms B103, 3. [P.T.O.]

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 35, 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. 35, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
26.8.16	H <sup>h</sup> Low Gen Hospital	Admitted GSW. Leg Slight.	Denmark Hill	26.8.16	IB21 P. 5134 P. 153/443E
1.11.16	do	Discharged to Pertham Down		1.11.16	3872
22.11.16	Returned London	PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE	England	23.11.16	Weekly Red Officer 61367 P. 1501, P. 53/320E 1291/100
16.11.16	Rifle Camp	Marched over England	Etaples	16.11.16	AK 408/62
29.12.15	60 <sup>th</sup> Bn (1822)	Placed on seconded list Evacuated & wounded.	France	21.8.15	AK 13676 A-1-C List 129 23.12.15
8.3.17	Ob. Rifle Etaples	Proceeded to join unit	Etaples	8.3.17	AK 235/36
16.3.17	60 <sup>th</sup> Bn	Returned from second	France	9.3.17	AK 20/11. 23/314 Do 29/300
27.3.17	AIF Unit 158 W.A.A.F.	Returned duty from second	France	9.3.17	AK 100/17 Do 30/309
9.5.17	List 981 60 <sup>th</sup> Bn (1822)	Wounded in Action is placed on seconded list		7.5.17	AK 114/145 Do 44/3361 V.L. ARS 114/145/97
12.5.17	6th. F. Amb	Admitted & fwd to CCS	France	7-5-17	AK 117/8/84
12.5.17	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cpls	Admitted GSW WHT Trans to RTU	France	7.5.17	AK 114/145/67
9.5.17	8 <sup>th</sup> Gen Hosp	Admitted GSW WHT Trans to RTU	France	8.5.17	AK 114/145/67
14.5.17	do	Trans to England		14.5.17	AK 114/8/105 W. 9492
14.5.17	Abandonas	To England Illness		14.5.17	AK 114/8/105 Do 30/309
15.5.17	Ob 14th Gen. Hosp.	Went: Army G.S.W. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn	England	15.5.17	Do 36E 23.5.17 4653

Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number.....

**Casualty Form Active Service.**

Rank *Captain* Regiment or Corps *9<sup>th</sup> Bn.*  
 Surname *Ramkema (Mc)* Christian Name *J. P.*  
 Religion ..... Age on Enlistment..... years ..... months  
 Enlisted (a) ..... Terms of Service (a) ..... Service reckons from (a) .....  
 Date of promotion to present rank ..... Date of appointment to lance rank .....  
 Extended { ..... } Re-engaged { ..... } Qualification (b) .....  
 or Corps Trade and Rate.....  
 Occupation ..... Signature of Officer.....

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.21, 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.21, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
			Embarked ...		
			Disembarked...		
<i>14.9.17.</i>	<i>P.I.F. list 222</i>	<i>(Mc) placed on Superary list</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>24.8.17</i>	<i>CRH 309/2/21</i> <i>Do 650/19/17</i> <i>5989</i>
<i>14.9.17.</i>	<i>18 312 R.</i>	<i>Returned to Australia per A.38.</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>10.9.17</i>	<i>N. 19.</i> <i>LR 8133.</i> <i>P.C. 269/21295</i> <i>14/9/17</i>
<i>31.8.17</i>	<i>AS list</i>	<i>Promoted Captain (Vic</i>		<i>20.8.17</i>	<i>AK 1599/12 LR 8143.</i> <i>P.C. 269/25112 10/10/17.</i> <i>P.C. 271556H 30/11/17.</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>224.</i>	<i>Page seconded)</i>			
<i>9/4/18.</i>	<i>P.I.F. list 316</i>	<i>Appointment terminated</i>		<i>25.12.17.</i>	

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 (b) Signaller, Shoenig-Smith, &c. W.13863-31477 1000M 1/17 (27612) S.P. & Co, Ltd. Form B.103/4 E.1354. P.T.O.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A.I.F.  
5th December, 1916.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith copy of extract from First Supplement, No. 29724 to the London Gazette of 25th August, 1916, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, Lieutenant J. P. Rankema, 9th Battalion.

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AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

" HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross on the undermentioned officer in recognition of his gallantry and devotion to duty in the field :-

Lieutenant JOHN PATRICK RANKEMA, 9th Battalion .

For conspicuous gallantry during a raid. He led the way into the enemy trenches and shot several of the enemy. He then rushed a dug-out, and killed seven and captured fourteen of the men inside it. He finally brought back twelve prisoners alive."

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 176, of 30th November, 1916.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records

Mrs. H. Rankema,  
Flinders Street, West,  
Townsville, QLD.

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D.P.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A. I. F.  
9th November, 1916.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith copy of extract from Routine Order, dated 15th July, 1916, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, Lieutenant J. P. Rankema, 9th Battalion.

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----- COMPLIMENTARY -----

" The Corps Commander wishes to congratulate all concerned in the two successful raids on the enemy trenches on the night of the 1st/2nd July. A brief summary of the events is given below :-

Raid by 1st Australian Division.

The raid was carried out by a party of the 9th Battalion, consisting of 4 officers and 144 other ranks under the command of Captain M. W. Neligan; one of the other officers was Lieutenant JOHN PATRICK RANKEMA. The enemy's trenches were entered at N.9.d and c. in three places. Twenty-one prisoners were brought back; and forty of the enemy are estimated to have been killed by the party, exclusive of casualties caused by our shell-fire. One machine gun was brought back, and one machine gun and one trench mortar taken out of their emplacements and destroyed. "

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The above has been promulgated in Military Order, No. 491, of 28th October, 1916.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. H. Rankema,  
Flinders Street, West,  
Townsville. Q'LAND.

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MADE AT CROWLEY

J.A.

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1st. Military District
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1ST MILITARY DISTRICT.

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Please Address Reply  
to "S.O.I., 1st Military  
District."  
Phone 5186.

STAFF OFFICER FOR INVALIDS.

Brisbane, December 13th 1917.

To  
The Secretary,  
Department of Defence,  
MELBOURNE.

In accordance with attached Medical Board  
I have to recommend that the services in the Australian  
Imperial Force of Captain RAMKE <sup>m</sup> ~~■~~ <sup>m.c.</sup> A, J.P., 9th Battalion, be  
terminated as from December 25th 1917.

This Officer had no previous service in  
the A.M.F. prior to embarkation.

Born 1893  
Date Sub. RK 20.8.17  
A. M. F. Rank Nil  
Reason Term'd Medical  
O. I. C. Submitted. 22.12.17  
? Hon Rank Yes.

*W. M. ...*  
Brig. Gen.  
Commandant, 1st Military District.

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*Base Records*  
*31/1/18*  
*J.S.C.*

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To THE CHIEF PAYMASTER.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS,  
A. I. F.

Non Effective Statement.

MF.N.1758

Reg. No. 1616 Rank Captain Name RAMKIMA J.P. Unit 9th Bn

Military District On Enlistment 1st Unit at Embarkation 9th Bn Date of Embarkation N.A.

TRANSFERS.

Date	Reference

NIL

PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS and REVERSIONS.

Rank of Sergeant is confirmed.  
Promoted 2nd Lieut.  
To be Lieut

29.11.15.	DO63/8839
26.3.16.	AQ201 DO30/4642.
3.8.16.	AK.129/43 B213 DO30/2285 AQ3047

Promoted Capt.  
FORFEITURES, CRIMES, V.D., Etc.

20.8.17.	AK1599/12 LR8745 DO75/6511 DO67/5564 10.10.17.30.9.17.
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NIL

CAUSE OF BECOMING NON EFFECTIVE, WITH DATE OF CASUALTY.

Returned to Australia per "A" 38 for  
CHANGE.(G.S.W. LT. ARM AMPUTATION.)

10.9.17.	LR.8133 DO69/5129E 919.9.17.
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COMPILED FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS OFFICE

ON THE 31.12.17.

Officer i/c Non Effective Records.

Record of Service in the Field, also Reference to Decorations, etc., granted, and dates showing the period in each case.

PARTICULARS	Reference to Orders or other Authority
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Gross</i></p> <p>Awarded the Military for Gallantry displayed whilst concerned in a raid carried out on the night of 1/2<sup>nd</sup> <sup>June</sup> July 1916.</p>	<p>Part II 53/6314. HIF List 89.</p>
<p>2.7.16 To Hosp. Wounded. DO 45/5860.</p>	
<p>4.7.16 Admitted Superf. Infect R Knee</p>	<p>N3034. AP 1877.</p>
<p>8.7.16. Transf to Unit</p>	
<p>8.7.16. Rejoined Unit France.</p>	<p>D.O. 48/5425.</p>
<p>6.5.15 Joined 1st Arzbat.</p>	
<p>21.8.16 Wounded in Action France.</p>	<p>A.O. 4099. Pt II 59/7200</p>
<p>25.8.16 To England by Calais by H.S. Newhaven. Gen Reg.</p>	<p>DO 58/7000. Pt II 58/7000</p>
<p>26.8.16 ADMITTED.....HOSPITAL. Gen Reg. slight</p>	<p>IB 21 130 58/4432 E</p>
<p>1.11.16. Dis from do to Berham Downs</p>	<p>I.B. 72.</p>
<p>25.9.16. 13.11.16. PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE. F.R. 1001 Pt II 3/320E</p>	<p>Weekly List Officers B. 7</p>
<p>21.8.16. Evacuated wounded placed on the recorded list</p>	<p>A.S. &amp; List 129 - 23.12.16</p>
<p>9.3.17. Resumed duty from Recorded List.</p>	<p>DD. List 158. D.O. 39/3019.</p>
<p>9.3.17. Rejoined 9<sup>th</sup> Div. from Recorded list.</p>	<p>Arz 28/2132. 23-3-17</p>
<p>3.8.16. Promoted Lieut (A.M. 1st 70)</p>	<p>" 20/2245. 27.8.17</p>
<p>9.3.17. Rejoined Bn: from Recorded, (A.S. &amp; Orders List 158-27/3/17)</p>	<p>Pt II 89/3019 - 2/5/17.</p>
<p>7.5.17 Wounded in Action 4<sup>th</sup> Occasion. B2 42/3261.</p>	<p>5181. 1390 18.2.25. 17/6/17</p>
<p>9.5.17 Adm 8<sup>th</sup> Gen. Hosp. Rouen. G.S.W. frac L. Humerous.</p>	<p>4/882 981. A.P.S. 14.4.13. 15.1.17</p>
<p>15.5.17. Adm 4<sup>th</sup> Gen. Hosp. G.S.W. Lt. Gen.</p>	<p>severe H.W. 2492</p>
<p>7.5.17. Evac. wounded, is placed on the Recorded List.</p>	<p>H.L. 22. 18.2.32 23/5/17</p>
<p>14.5.17. Emb 121 SS. - Alabman at Rouen for England. G.S.W. Elbow.</p>	<p>DD. List 179.</p>
<p>16.11.16. M/30 to R/16 Camp. ex England. After 1 proceeded to join unit 8.3.17</p>	<p>B2. 45/3754. 29.5.17</p>
<p>7.5.17. Adm 6<sup>th</sup> Gen. Hosp. 16/11/16. C.P.S.</p>	<p>AK 448/12 AK 725/35</p>
<p>7.5.17. Adm 5<sup>th</sup> C.P.S. G.S.W. VIII + Trans to A.T. 4 8.5.17</p>	<p>AK 1148/84</p>
<p>24.8.17. Placed on Superf. List. CR. 4309. 2.5.</p>	<p>AK 1148/67</p>
<p>10.9.17. Returned to Australia per A. 38. 10/9/17. G.S.W. Left Arm. Amputation (for change.)</p>	<p>AK 1599/4.</p>
	<p>AK 8153. Pt II 69/5729. 10.9.17</p>
	<p>N.R. 1. B. 312 R. 1. 4/9/17</p>

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

RECORD OF OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Rank and Name 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut RAMKEMA J.P.  
Staff or Unit 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
Date of Appointment and Gazette 20.3.16. C.A.G. 86/16  
Promotion (date and Gazette) \_\_\_\_\_  
Left Australia in Transport \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 1916.

Record subsequent to embarkation:—

*awarded "Military Cross" — 6. of 2. 2. 17/1916*  
*7. of 2. 2. 17/1916*  
*To be Lieutenant dated 3/8/16 — C.A.G. 187/1916. M.O. 592/16*  
*Placed on Seconded List Dated 21.8.16 — M.O. 134/1917*  
*9.3.17 Rejoined for duty from Seconded List — M.O. 226/1917*  
*7.5.17 Placed on Seconded List M.O. 497/17*  
*To be Captain, 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 1917. C.A.G. 98. M.O. 42/18*

Returned to Australia (Date, Transport, and any other details):—

Gazetted from A.I.F. *Sept Terminated 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 1917 C.A.G. 4. 710*  
*18. 33*

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No 4 Section DISCH. D.C. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE SECTION

No.

Rank

Name

Unit

Casualty

682 Capt  
Lieut Name Ramkema, J. P. (M.C.)  
9th Battalion

Reported Wounded C.I.B.L. 144/6487 Dated 8.7.16

Wounded C.I.B. London 235/6699 D 3-8-16

Wounded 2nd Occasion C.I.B.C. 283/6827 London 16.8.16 B.C. 73858

Wounded 3rd Occasion C.I.B.L. 345/6949 D.D. London 30/8

Chin. Foot Wound - Leg. mild. Admitted Liverpool Westch. Hsp. 21/9/16. W.S.M.L. London 14/9/16  
Rec. 2/9/16 Rev.  
1.11.16 Discharged from 4th London Gen. Hsp. to Pertham House. C.I.B.L. 1032/8.000  
8/7/16 Returned from Wounded France P. Orders 48/2 Rouen France 25/4/16  
304 Wounded refers to the occas. C.I.B.L. 1390/8934 dated London 15/5/17

DATE. PURPORT. REF. NO.

12 JUL 1916 N.O.K. Advised Wounded

11.8.16 Status Queried - Is he wounded - second occasion

25 AUG 1916 N.O.K. Advised Wounded (2nd occasion)

SEP 11 1916 N.O.K. Advised Wounded

SEP 18 1916 N.O.K. Advised in Hospital

17.5.17 N.O.K. Advised Wounded  
P.S.W. Fractured left Humerus  
Sov. Adm 997 to 8th Gen Hosp  
W.S.M.L. 456/18968 dated London 19.5.17

22 MAY 1917 N.O.K. Advised in Hospital  
P.S.W. left arm  
Sov. Adm 1517 to 4th London Gen Hosp  
W.S.M.L. 459/19033 dated London 24.5.17

6.7.17 M.C. 1 asked supply. N.O.K.  
Progressing favorably  
Returning to Australia per H.M.S. 38 Barbicled 10.9.17  
C.I.B.L. 9116/9116 dated London 14.9.17

SEP 26 1917 N.O.K. Advised Returning to Australia, Form B, 108

13.11.17 Returned to Aust. per "Ulysses" - amp. left arm - Disembarked 37th D. Force  
overland to 1st M.P. 13.11.17  
Debility to 1st Aux Hospital 4-10-15  
Rejoined Unit 17-11-15 List No 1 Ser No. 31051

25.12.17 Services Terminated 1917 D.O. 3/1918 C.M.

11.1.19 Form of Comm. Received 2/1917 B.R.M. No. 35/1970.

Form re War Record, A.M.F. List, Despatched

1914/1915 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229/1915 2008 JB.

LIST.

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CAPTAIN JOHN PATRICK  
RAMKEMA. M.C.  
9th Btn. 1st A.I.F.

20 Sunday St  
Thorncliffe  
Q. land

To The Secretary  
Department of the Army  
Canberra

RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGED  
Date 23/10/4

Dear Sir

I hereby make application for  
the bronze commemorative medalion &  
badge, my particulars are as follows  
Unit 9th Battalion, landed with  
3<sup>rd</sup> reinforcements late April 1915 on Gallipoli  
my Reg No 1616 left Gallipoli just before  
evacuation, was corporal & L/Sgt on  
Gallipoli.

Received commission 26 March 1916

My Repatriation file No 15. A 2247.

Thanking you

Yrs Faithfully  
J.P. Ramkema.

