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C. R. Hodge Esq
Registrar
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Dear Sir

Replying to yours of 4 inst. about my son's experiences in the field I beg to supply the following particulars:—

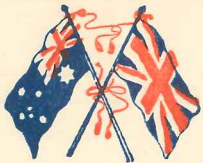
L. W. Mc Namara joined the Third Field Company of Australian Engineers as a Sapper and left Adelaide on 29 August 1914.

He took part in the action at El Kantara in Feb 1915 helping to throw a pontoon across the canal and subsequently laying electrical mines on the Syrian side.

At one of the landings at Gallipoli he acted as signaller to the guns of the fleet.

He spent 4 months on the peninsula being engaged in surveying sites for trenches and constructing dummy trenches to draw the Turkish fire. He contracted enteric fever and was invalided to Malta and subsequently to England.

He travelled through the three kingdoms visiting spots known for their beauty or historic interest.



During his protracted furlough he spent some time with Professor Bragg at University College London in researches connected with the war. I believe in experiments with gases for military purposes. I hold a letter from the professor cordially thanking my son for his valuable (which if you desire, I shall be glad to show you

He rejoined his company in France on 31 May of this year and had been appointed gas expert for his company. When we last heard he had been acting as Sergeant though not gazetted and had been appointed to the wireless school during an interval of rest from the trenches. He took part in the action at Pozieres constructing a trench under machine gun fire.

If you would like to see Professor Bragg's letter ring up Acland's Henley Beach Rd Mile End and ask for me. I could call at the University between 4-5 to-morrow Thursday.

Yours faithfully
G. J. Mc Namara