

# Weston, Clive Conder

ASC- Tracey

Arrived at Anzac about 2 weeks after landing. Wounded in head and hand 3 months later. Treated at Malta and England, returned to Egypt. Effects of injuries persisted and he was returned to Sydney early in 1918. He received more hospital treatment, but may well have suffered from "post traumatic" problems, as he committed suicide in 1922.

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Name WESTON, CLIVE CONDER

Unit ~~1st Buff 1st Infy Bde~~

Joined on 24/8/14

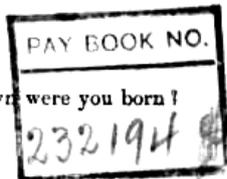
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## Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

What is your Name?

1. Clive Conder Weston

In or near what Parish or Town were you born?



2. In the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in or  
near the Town of Coonabaraban  
in the County of New South Wales

Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)

3. Natural Born

What is your age?

4. 34

What is your trade or calling?

5. Stock & Station Agent

Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?

6. No

Are you married?

7. No

Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)



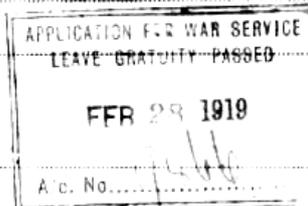
8. Sister Mrs Mary Bulombe  
Bradbury Station  
Parles

Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?

9. No

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. No



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. Citizens Bushman Sergeant  
S.A. War discharges

Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?

12. Yes

Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?

13. No

For married men and widowers with children—

Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service?

14. Yes

3. Clive Conder Weston

do solemnly declare that the above answers made

Description of Blue bands

Age 34 years 3 months

Height 5 feet 9 inches

Weight 122 lbs.

Chest Measurement 36-38 inches

Complexion Ruddy

Eyes Blue

Hair Fair

Religious Denomination Church Eng<sup>d</sup>

WESTON

Surname.

<sup>1.</sup>  
Clive Conder (Pte)

2. W or Names 72

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Regimental No.

PURPORT.

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Embarked at Sydney 16 Star of Victoria on 20/10/15

13/5/15 Promoted Corporal (Temp)

28/7/15 Promoted Sergeant (Temp)

7/8/15 Wounded Gallipoli P.

12/8/15 Admitt. St. Ignace's Hosp. Malta, W. Head & Hand

Promoted Sergeant (temp.) 41/8/15. the entry on B.R. List 30  
affecting this N.C.O. is hereby cancelled.

Promoted Corporal 23/5/15. the entry in B.R. List 30  
affecting this N.C.O. is hereby cancelled.

25/8/15. Emb. Malta on H.S. "Galaka" for England.

3/9/15. Admitt. No. 2 London Genl. Hosp, Chelsea, ENGLAND.

25/7/15. To be Sgt. (Temp) vice 518 Sgt. Loveless J.H.F., Wounded  
 23/5/15. To be Cpl. (Temp) vice 395 Cpl. Paul, F.H., Killed.  
 23/5/15 To be Corporal (Not temporary) D.M.  
 4/12/15 Placed on Supernumerary List Absent over 3 mths. "  
 25/7/16 To be S.Q.M.S. "  
 13/11/16 <sup>Dis.</sup> ~~Adm.~~ 14th. A.G.H. duty "  
 31/10/16 Adm. 14th. A.G.H. I.C.T. "  
 28/10/16 Adm. 2nd. Stat. Hosp. I.C.T. DM  
 1-12-16 Taken on str. 1st L.H.R. from 1st L.H. Tng. Rgt. (ER)  
 13-11-16 Taken on str. ex Hosp. (States 1st L.H.T.R) (ER)  
 25/11/16. Tfd to 1st L.H. Regt. (States 1st L.H. Tng. Rgt) (ER)  
 31/10/16. Adm No. 14 A.G.H. Inf. of finger. 13/11/16. Disc. to duty (ER)  
 26/10/16. To hosp.  
 25/6/17 Sick to Hpl.  
 25/9/17 Placed on Supermmmerary List. (States S.Q.M.S.)  
 20.3.18. Dis. 2nd. M.D. ex AIF. ex "Wiltshire". M.U.

12.11.17. Emb. to Aust at Suez. H.T. "A.13" fpr 6 months change  
 G.S.W. RT. HAND.  
 28.7.17. W.O.A.S. Drunkenness & A.W.L. Award 2.11.17.  
 R. primanded. LT  
 24.4.18. Ad 3rd Aux Hosp 8.5.16. Disc.  
 9.5.16. T.O.S. OF 1st L.H=Tng Reg ex Hosp.  
 19.5.16. Strk off Stng. to 1st L.H.Reg.  
 19/5/16. Joined. Unit. from Dtls. M.R

What is his present condition ?

G.S.W. hand (r).

Weight should be given in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.

Loss of middle finger (amputation) of r. hand  
 General stiffness of joints of the other fingers.  
 Debilitated condition.

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cable to. no 596.  
Private C.C Heston  
1<sup>st</sup> Light Horse Squadron.  
Hospital Malta.

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Well done Clive, we are  
all proud of you. all send  
our love, and hope you  
will soon be better -  
A home waiting you at  
Coradger. wire if you  
want money. Through  
Defence Department.  
Bertie Balcomb.

Statement of evidence.

in the case of No. 536, Sergeant C.C. Weston  
1st Light Horse, Australian Imperial Force.

1st witness )  
No. 42. Sergt. )  
A.K. Stark, 16th )  
Battalion, A.I.F. )  
attached Australian )  
Military Police, )  
London. )

Being duly sworn states:-

at about 1.15 p.m. on the 13th January  
1916 I was on Military Police duty when I saw  
Sergeant Weston, the accused, at the corner of  
Strutton Ground and Victoria Street Westminster  
He was drunk and arguing with some people  
causing a large crowd to collect. I arrested  
him and conducted him to 130 Horseferry Road  
where he was detained. He came quite quietly.  
By accused.

Q. Could I walk alright.

A. He was unsteady in his gait.

The accused asked no further questions.

(Signed) A.K. Stark, Sergt.

A.G.M.P.

R.P. 4 (c) (d) and (e) complied with.

Taken by me at 130 Horseferry Road  
London S.W. in the presence of the accused  
and witness this 15th day of January 1916.

(Signed) Thomas V. Brown, Capt.  
Acting Assistant Provost Marshall  
Australian & New Zealand Details.

2nd witness )  
543, Private W.H. )  
Elton, 3rd Battn. )  
A.I.F. attached to )  
Australian Military )  
Police, London. )

Being duly sworn states:-

At about 1 p.m. on the 13th January 1916  
I was on Military Police duty in company with  
Sergeant Stark A.G.M.P. when I saw the accuse

*Admitted by  
accused*

Full name, number, rank, and unit of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ...	Weston, Clive Condor, 536, C.M.S., 1st L.H.
Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed.	Self - O/o Mrs. E. Balcombe, Corrigery, Parkes.
Relationship of such person to Member ...	
Result of Claim ... ..	Pension of 72/- p.f. granted from 21/3/18.

### Boer War Nominal Roll - Clive Condor Weston

**Service Number:** 256

**Rank:** Sergeant

**Unit:** NSW CITIZENS' BUSHMEN

**Conflict:** South Africa, 1899-1902 (Boer War)

#### Names of the Selected Men.

The following is the list of men who have been attested for service with the Bushmen's Contingent in South Africa. .-

Clive Condor Weston, Parkes

Aust. Town & Country Journal. 17/2/1900 P. 14.

### THE RETURNED MEN.

The official list of the men who have returned by the Morayshire is as follows: 12/6/01

'C' Squadron, 1st Australian Bushmen. — Sergeants Clive Condor Weston,

Evening News 12/6/01 P.3

### First World War Embarkation Rolls - Clive Condor Weston

**Service Number:** 536

**Rank:** Private

**Date of embarkation:** 20 October 1914

**Ship embarked on:** HMAT Star of Victoria A16 Sydney/

**Weston** at a number of locations in New South Wales including Lithgow, Balmain and Newcastle.

In January 1900 he enlisted in the **NSW Citizen's Bushmen** was in C squadron. The men were stationed at a training camp at Kensington before marching through Sydney on 28 February to board the ship to South Africa.



Image originally in Sydney Mail 3 March 1900

### **Clive Condor Weston**

Clive Condor Weston, born at Coonamble in 1875, was the youngest son of William Clifton Weston and Jane Cox. Clive worked as a clerk in the Petty Sessions office at a number of locations in NSW including Lithgow, Balmain and Newcastle.

In January 1900 he enlisted in the NSW Citizen's Bushmen and was in C squadron. The men were stationed at a training camp at Kensington before marching through Sydney.

The horses arrived at Cape Town on 2 April 1900. They disembarked at Biera on 12 April and then continued on to Bulawayo in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). C Squadron was involved in a battle at Koster's River on 22 July while attempting to relieve the Eland River Garrison. They continued to operate in the Transvaal and the advance on Pietersburg before returning to Cape Town to embark on ships returning to Australia. They arrived back in Australia on 9 May 1901 disembarking in Sydney on 11 May.

The NSW Citizen's Bushmen contingent had several name changes to Australian Bushmen Contingent and then to 1st Bushmen Regiment.

Back in Australia Clive was CPS first in Raymond Terrace and then in Bourke from 1902 until 1905. He appears then to have made a career change as when he enlisted in the army in 1914 his occupation was listed as Stock and Station Agent.

Clive was 39 when he enlisted in the AIF on 24 August 1914 at Coonabarabran, however most of his military records give his age as being 34 when he enlisted. His next of kin was listed as his sister, Mary Balcombe, at *Coradgery Station*, Parkes. The description on the attestation papers was that Clive was 5 foot 9 inches tall, weighed 12 stone 2 pounds, had a ruddy complexion, blue eyes and fair hair. He was a private in the 1st Light Horse Regiment, C Squadron. . On 20 October 1914 the men embarked on the HMAT A16 *Star of Victoria* for Egypt. on 28 February to board the ship to South Africa.

On 9 May 1915 the troops, without their horses, were transferred to Gallipoli. During the next three months Clive received a number of temporary promotions first to corporal and then sergeant as men holding these positions were killed or wounded. Clive Condor Weston received head and hand injuries on 7 August. His records do

not specify the battle but the date coincides with the diversionary action by Australian and other forces to allow British forces to land safely. Details of the battle were published in Australian newspapers - *Gallant Australians - Charge of the Light Horse* part 1 and part 2.

The papers relating to Quarter Master Sergeant Clive Condor Weston in *Mapping Our Anzacs* show that for the next two years Clive served at various locations in the Middle East including Romani and Tel-el-Kebir, however for much of the time he was in hospital having treatment, particularly for his hand. A medical report made on 25 April 1916 stated ' anchyloses 1st & 2nd joints 2nd finger right hand & failing memory and headaches'. The report continued 'RH quite stiff - making hand unfit for rifle shooting. Occasional giddiness, headaches and loss of memory.' On previous occasions bone fragments had been removed and work done on the tendons but hand was not responding. The doctor recommended that Clive should be discharged as unfit, as did the Medical Board, however he was returned to his unit. The records give details of another medical report dated 4 September 1917

“Patient states he was wounded in the right hand at Gallipoli. Since then the hand has steadily been getting more useless. Admitted into No. 14 AGH on July 3 1917. Examination of r. hand showed ankyloses of middle finger in all its articulations, and very little power in the other fingers. Middle finger amputated: adhesions in the other fingers forcibly broken down. Has received no benefit from massage and hot air treatment.

This time the recommendation was that Clive Condor Weston should be discharged to Australia for six months. The Medical Board agreed and also noted that his ability for earning a full livelihood in the general labour market had been lessened by one half. At Suez on 12 November 1917 Clive embarked on the SS *Wiltshire* to return to Sydney where he arrived on 20 December. Before leaving Cairo, Clive had been arrested on 28 July 1917 for being drunk and disorderly. At his trial on 2 November he received a reprimand for his behaviour. In Sydney on 22 February 1918 Clive was admitted to No. 13 AAH (Australian Auxiliary Hospital). Unfortunately the writing is difficult to read but he was committed to the hospital suffering from the effects of drinking. 'He was noisy, abusive & threatening. He was sent to the 'cottage'. The next note dated 4 March 1918 reads, 'is now well & in his normal condition. He wishes to be discharged and this is recommended.'

Clive was discharged from the army as medically unfit on 20 March 1918 and from 21 March received a pension of 71 shillings a fortnight.

On 17 October 1922 Clive Condon Weston committed suicide in his room at Central Australian Hotel, Bourke. The *Raymond Terrace Examiner and Lower Hunter and Port Stephens Advertiser* on Friday 20 October 1922 provided the following report:

Death. Mr. Clive C. Weston, who about 20 years ago, was C.P.S at Raymond Terrace, was found on Tuesday morning in a hotel at Bourke with a cut in his throat and his wrists bleeding. Medical aid was summoned but he died in about ten minutes. He had been to the war, and was badly gassed, and was more or less a physical wreck. Before evil days came upon him he was a fine type, and his passing thus is a sad one.

**Ed. The statement about Clive having been gassed was incorrect.**