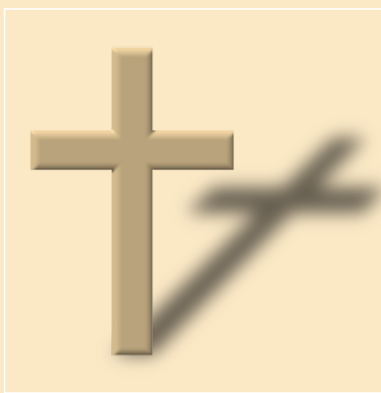
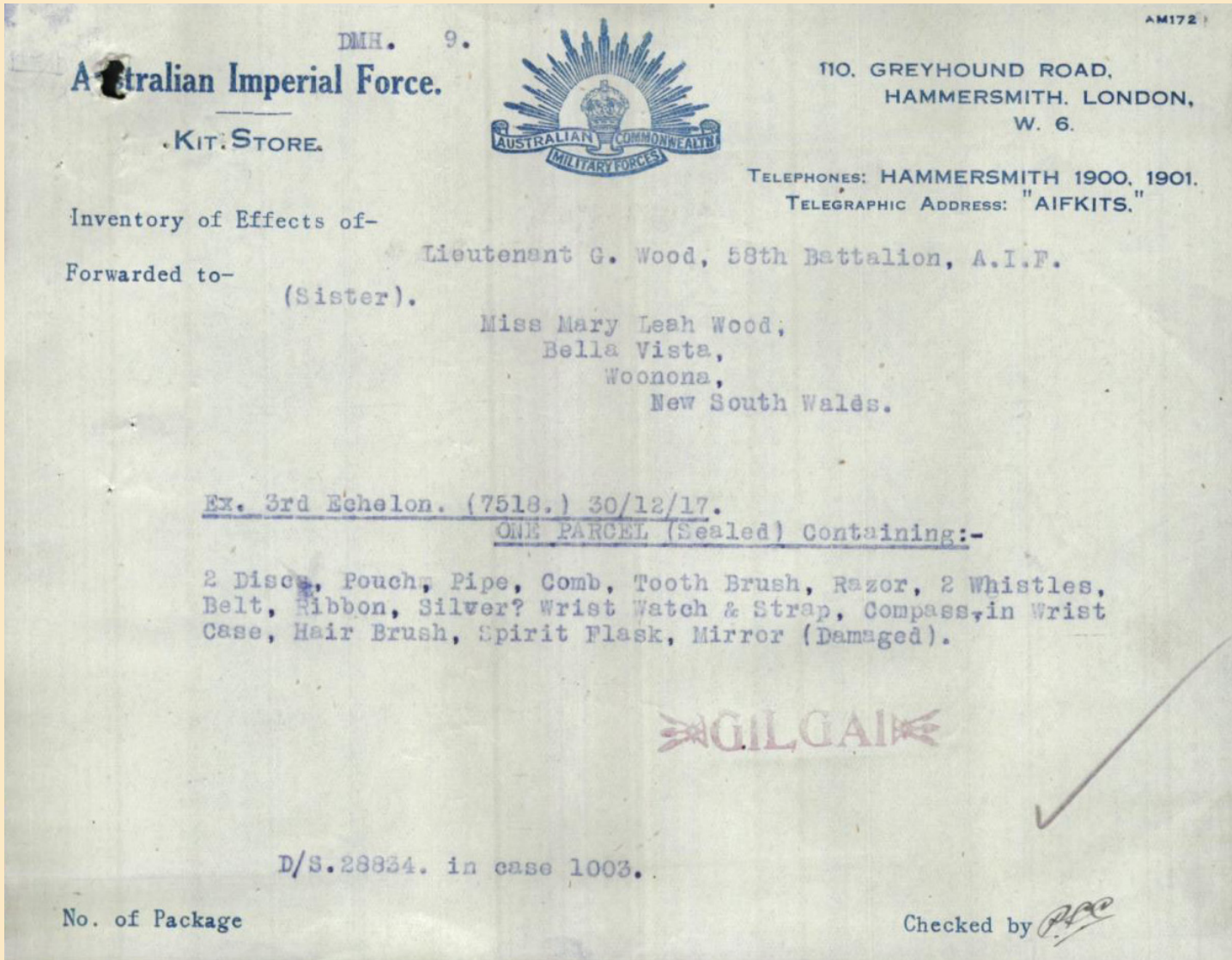


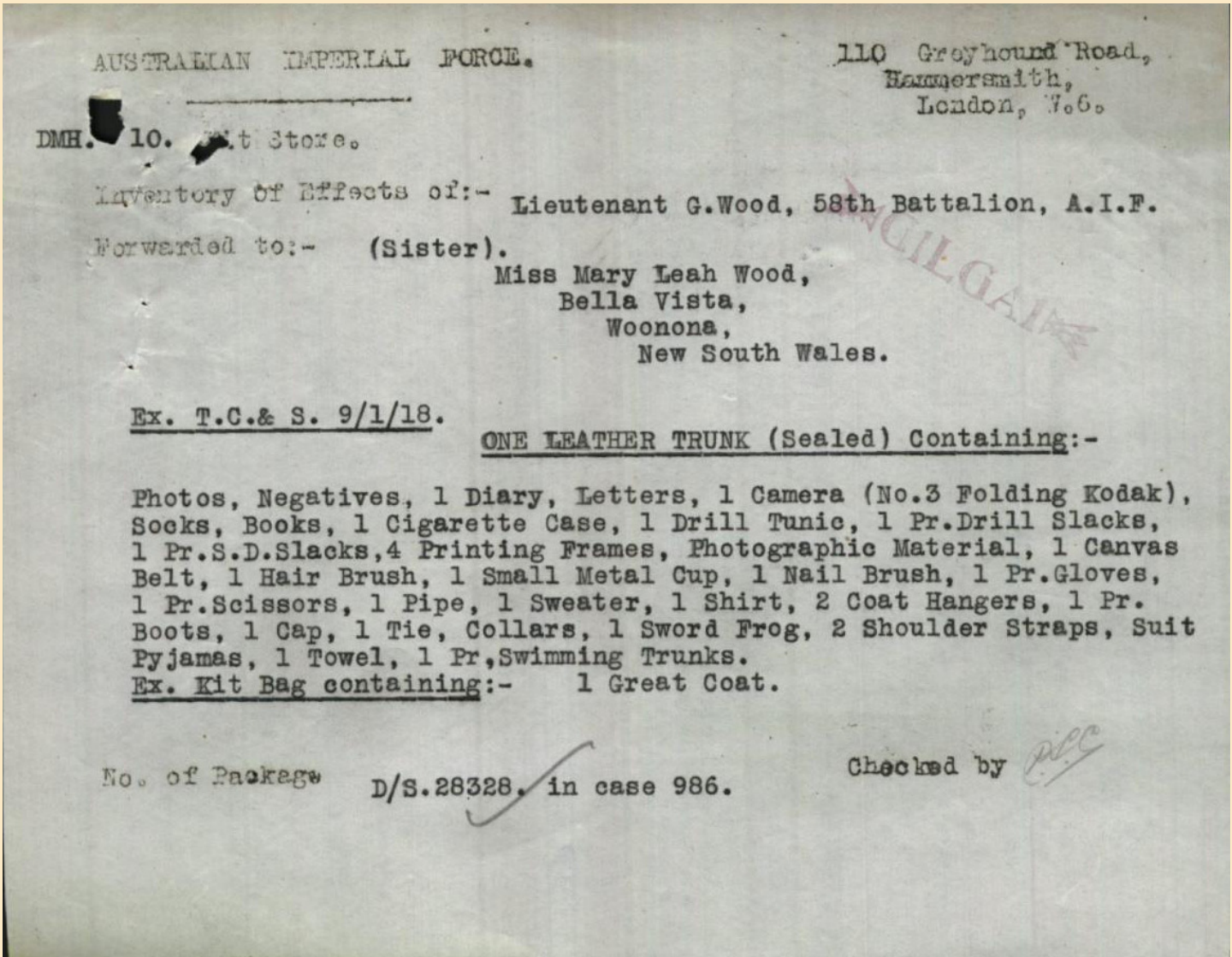
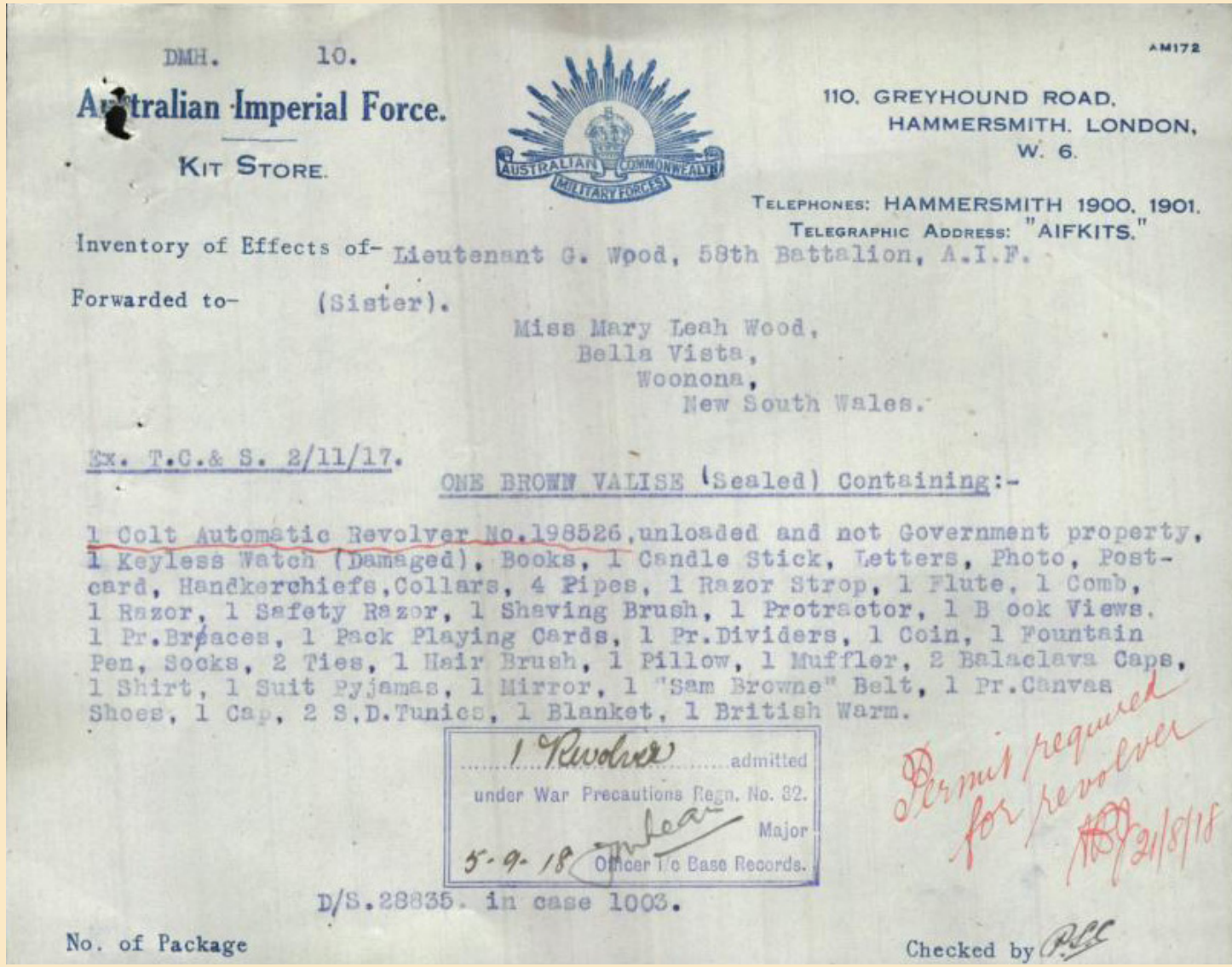
LIEUTENANT GEORGE WOOD



Scotch College, Lansdowne Street, East Melbourne, 1923. SLV H41876



Inventory of effects. NAA



Born 1876 in England and educated at Ipswich Grammar School, Queensland

Graduated from the University of Melbourne with Master of Arts in Classical Philology (Honours) and Diploma of Education

Undertook home mission work for the Presbyterian Church at Hamilton, Victoria

On the staff of Scotch College in Lansdowne Street, East Melbourne for nearly 20 years and resident Senior House Master from 1909, composer of school music, choir conductor and rowing coach

Enlisted 30 September 1915 aged 39

Embarked from Melbourne on 2 October 1916 with the 58th Battalion (6th Reinforcements) aboard HMAT *Nestor*

Left England for the Western Front in France on 10 February 1917



George Wood, BA. Scotch College Archives

Saved by illness from action at Bullecourt in May 1917 where several thousand Australian troops were killed or captured

Fought at the Battle of Polygon Wood near Ypres September 1917

Shot in the chest at Westhoek Ridge at the 1st Battle of Passchendaele on 12 October 1917

Died from wounds after suffering a pulmonary embolism on 26 October 1917 at No. 1 British Red Cross Hospital, Le Touquet

Buried with full military honours at Etaples Military Cemetery, France

Wood's personal effects sent to his sister included his uniform, pipes, toiletries and flute

Remembered at Scotch College for initiating and organising the annual Foundation Day concert, and as a founder and secretary of the Old Scotch Collegians' Association

Commemorated by the Old Scotch Collegians in the George Wood Scholarship, and in the Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial



Soldiers in trench near Polygon Wood, 26 September 1917. AWM E01402



Aftermath of fighting in the Ypres area, 17 September 1917. AWM E00732