



How and where to research a person's individual Military Service Record. Unit Histories, Campaigns and other Military History Records in Australia and the United Kingdom



Introduction

The obtaining of a person's Military Service Records are an important aspect of determining an insight into an individual's time in the Services, such as the campaigns they served in, their rank, Units in which they served and any Medals, Honours, Awards or Decorations they received.

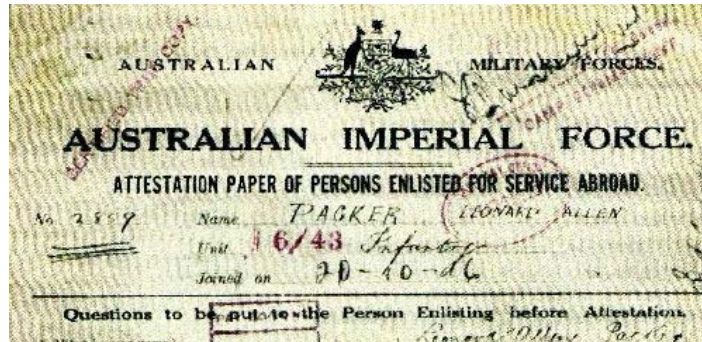
This information can be useful when researching for a Military History Project or for researching a relative as part of a genealogical investigation of a family.

The Military Records of an individual can provide information:

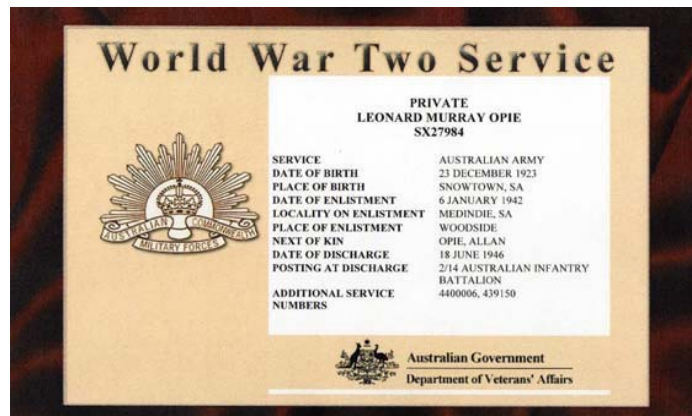
- Records of Service
- Certificate of Service (WW2)
- Unit(s) in which a person served
- The Service in which they served Army, Navy or Air Force
- Campaign Areas or Theatres of War
- Embarkation and Return dates from and to Australia
- Method of departure—Ship or Plane
- Were they captured and became a Prisoner of War (POW)
- Were they wounded or Killed in Action (KIA)
- War Graves
- Medals and Decorations awarded

Examples of information that can be obtained:

Record of Service for a discharged Service Person from all Wars and Campaigns:
 World War 1 Records are digitised and are available on the National Australian Archive site (without any charge).



World War 2 Records are available through the National Australian Archives site (charges apply)



Location of War Graves for deceased Australian service personnel.



Here are the results of your enquiry. There are **1** records which match your search criteria.

Select a name to see more details

No	Surname	Rank	Service Number	Date Of Death	Age	Regiment/Service	Nationality	Grave/Memorial Ref.	Cemetery/Memorial Name
1	PACKER, LEONARD ALLEN	Private	2859	31/07/1917	23	Australian Infantry, A.I.F.	Australian	Panel 7 - 17 - 23 - 25 - 27 - 29 - 31.	YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL

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Medals, Honours and Awards have been awarded to service personnel in all wars and campaigns

Nominal Rolls [available on the internet, in particular Dept Veteran's Affairs):

- Sudan 1885
- Boxer Uprising (China) 1900-1901
- Boer War (South Africa) 1899-1902
- WW1 1914-1918 and Embarkation Rolls
- WW2 1939-1945
- Korean War 1950-1953
- Malaya Emergency 1948-1960
- Malaysia & Borneo Confrontation 1963-1966
- Vietnam War 1962-1972
- Gulf War 1991
- East Timor 1999-2003
- Peace Keeping (UN) 1973



Other information:

- Discharge Certificates
- Prisoner of War Records Commemorative Rolls
- Remembrance Book
- Red Cross Wounded and Missing records

Sources of Information - Australia

In Australia the major sources of information are:

Australian War Memorial (AWM) Canberra

www.awm.gov.au

(in particular: PreWWI Conflicts Nominal Rolls, WWI Embarkation and Nominal Rolls, Roll of Honour, WWI Red Cross files, WWII POWs)

National Archives of Australia (NAA) Canberra

www.naa.gov.au

(in particular WWII Service Records)

Discovering ANZACs (part of NAA)

<http://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au>

AIF Project

www.aif.adfa.edu.au/index.html

Dept of Veterans Affairs - Nominal Rolls

www.dva.gov.au/commemorations-memorials-and-war-graves/nominal-rolls

RSL SA Virtual War Memorial

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/>

Conflicts Since 1953

Personal files for all conflicts since 1953 are held by Defence Archives.

Defence Archives also holds records for members who enlisted or were commissioned into the Regular Army from 1948, including those who did not see active service.

All enquiries should be directed to

Defence Archives

GPO Box 225

QUEENSCLIFF VIC 3225

ADF.records@defence.gov.au

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

www.cwgc.org

War Graves Photographic Project

www.twgpp.org

General Military Background History

www.diggerhistory.info

Awards and Honours

www.dpmc.gov.au/government/its-honour

Internet Research Sites United Kingdom

The National Archives

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

The Long, Long Trail

www.longlongtrail.co.uk

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