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Introduction

- ▶ Grandfather Henry Price - WW1 and AN&MEF
- ▶ Henry's brothers William, Solomon, George and Les (Boer War, WW1 & WW2)
- ▶ Henry's sons Gordon, Lloyd, Stan & Cyril Price - WW2
- ▶ Denis Patrick Finn - great uncle WW1
- ▶ Max's Father Doug Spencer - WW2 Crete & PNG

William Price

- ▶ Boer War dossier
- ▶ Records at both Queensland State Archives and National Archives of Australia
- ▶ Died in 1916 in South Africa



ATTESTATION OF

No. 07 250 Name: William Price 30th Oct
Joined at Milston Brisbane on 1st Dec 1902

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. What is your name?	1. <u>William Price</u>
2. What is your place of birth?	2. <u>Orange, N. S. Wales</u>
3. Are you a British subject?	3. <u>yes</u>
4. What is your age?	4. <u>22</u> years <u>2</u> months.
5. What is your trade or calling?	5. <u>Miner</u>
6. Are you married?	6. <u>No</u>
7. Who is your next of kin, and what is the address of same and degree of relationship?	7. <u>Father, J. Price</u>
8. Particulars of any previous service in present South African war, and state in what Contingent enrolled and if discharged	8. <u>1st Cont. 3rd Victoria Milit & Contingent</u> <u>Charles Towns</u>
9. Are you willing to serve for a period of twelve months, or for the duration of war, in the Contingent for service in South Africa with His Majesty's Forces?	9. <u>yes</u>
10. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated if deemed advisable?	10. <u>yes</u>
11. Present permanent address	11. <u>Charles Towns</u>
12. Religion	12. <u>Capt.</u>

I, William Price do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made for service under the Imperial Government, and that I have no claim on the Commonwealth Government, and that I do not expect to receive for myself or any of my relations any compensation whatsoever from the Commonwealth Government in case of my disablement or death.

Wm Price Signature. J. Garwall Capt Signature of Witness.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

I have examined the abovenamed applicant and can * certify that he is medically fit for service in South Africa.

Height 6' feet 5 1/2 inches. Eyes Blue.
Chest measurement 33 inches. Hair Black.
Complexion Fair. Distinctive marks None.

Signature of Medical Officer.

* One to be struck out and initialed by Medical Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN ON ATTESTATION.

I, William Price do make Oath that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty the King, his heirs and successors, and that I will, as

Title

PRICE, WILLIAM
[Regimental No.250]
joined 30-4-1902 -
Boer War Dossier

Contents range

1902 - 1902

Series number

B4418

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William Price

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... William Price Trooper W. Price was in the 3rd Queensland Mounted Infantry in the Boer War ...

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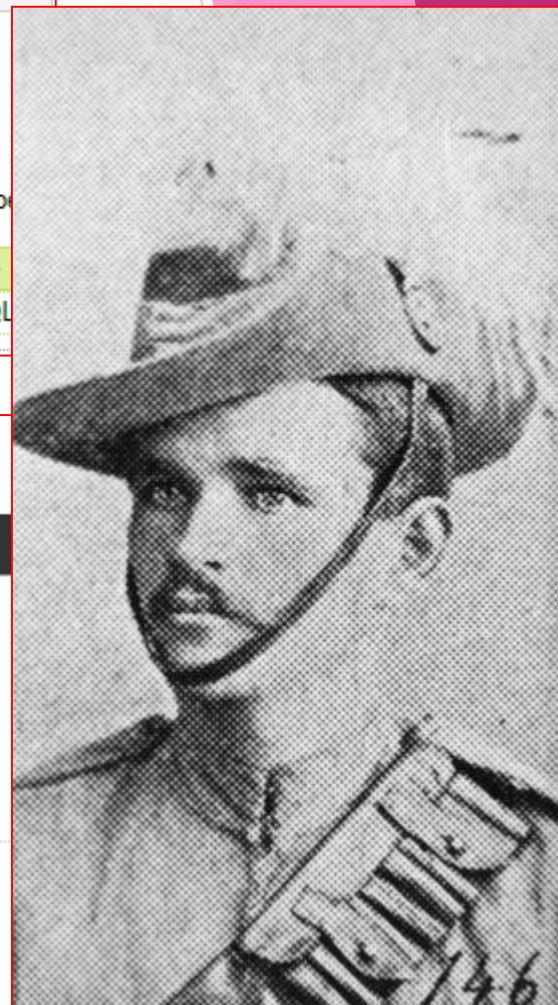
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William Price

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Solomon Price

- ▶ Records at both Queensland State Archives and National Archives of Australia
- ▶ NAA Name Search - filter Boer War
= Boer War dossier
- ▶ NAA Basic Search - “Solomon Price” Boer
= Boer War Veteran case file

SON SA 57 **PRICE Solomon** *S. 6*
acc QUEENSLAND DEFENCE FORCE (LAND).

RESULT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION
 ACCOUNTANT
 28 MAY 1901
 Q'LAND DEF. FORCE.

On Return of a Member of the *2nd* Contingent from Service in South Africa.

Regimental No. *57*
 Contingent *Second*
 Rank *Private*
 Surname *Price*
 Christian Name *Solomon*
 Present Age *22 1/2*
 Length of Service, South Africa *1 Yr 57 Days*
 From where Invalided
 Why Invalided
 Name of Transport *Tongariro*
 Arrived in Brisbane *3rd May 1901*

Hair *Dark Brown*
 Eyes *Dark Blue*
 Complexion *Fresh*
 Marks or Scars { *Nil*
 Weight *8 4 11 1/4*
 Height *5 7 1/2 in*
 Chest { Expiration *32*
 Inspiration *34 1/2*

REMARKS BY MEDICAL OFFICER:
 Weight *8 4 6 1/4* Chest ... { Expiration *32 1/2*
 Inspiration *35*

I CERTIFY that I have this day made a thorough Examination of No. *57*
Price and find him to be in *fair health*
fit for service

Chief Secretary
from the 17th inst.
and find him to be in fair health
fit for service
AR.

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Title PRICE, SOLOMAN
 [Regimental No. 57]
 joined 3-5-1901 -
 Boer War Dossier

Contents range 1901 - 1902

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Access status Open

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ATTESTATION OF

No. 233 Name: Solomon Price son of
Joined at Wilton 13 instance on March 1902

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. What is your name?	1. <u>Solomon Price</u>
2. What is your place of birth?	2. <u>Orange F.S.W.</u>
3. Are you a British subject?	3. <u>Yes.</u>
4. What is your age?	4. <u>23 years 4 months.</u>
5. What is your trade or calling?	5. <u>Miner.</u>
6. Are you married?	6. <u>No.</u>
7. Who is your next of kin, and what is the address of same and degree of relationship?	7. <u>Father Thos. Price Victoria St. of Johannesburg</u>
8. Particulars of any previous service in present South African war, and state in what Contingent enrolled and if discharged	8. <u>16 mos. 2nd Queensland Contgt</u>
9. Are you willing to serve for a period of twelve months, or for the duration of war, in the Contingent for service in South Africa with His Majesty's Forces?	9. <u>Yes.</u>
10. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated if deemed advisable?	10. <u>Yes.</u>
11. Present permanent address	11. <u>Victoria Street Johannesburg</u>
12. Religion	12. <u>O of E.</u>

I, Solomon Price do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made for service under the Imperial Government, and that I have no claim on the Commonwealth Government, and that I do not expect to receive for myself or any of my relations any compensation whatsoever from the Commonwealth Government in case of my disablement or death.

S. Price

Signature.

Harold Carr

Signature of Witness.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

I have examined the abovenamed applicant and can certify that he is medically fit for service in South Africa.

Height 5 feet 8 1/2 inches Eyes Blue
Chest measurement 36 inches Hair Black (wavy) Hands - small long
Complexion Fair Distinctive marks Scar on left forearm

Signature of Medical Officer.

* One to be struck out and initialed by Medical Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Solomon Price do make Oath that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty the King, his heirs and successors, and that I will, as

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[Regimental No.57]
joined 3-5-1901 -
Boer War Dossier

Contents range 1901 - 1902

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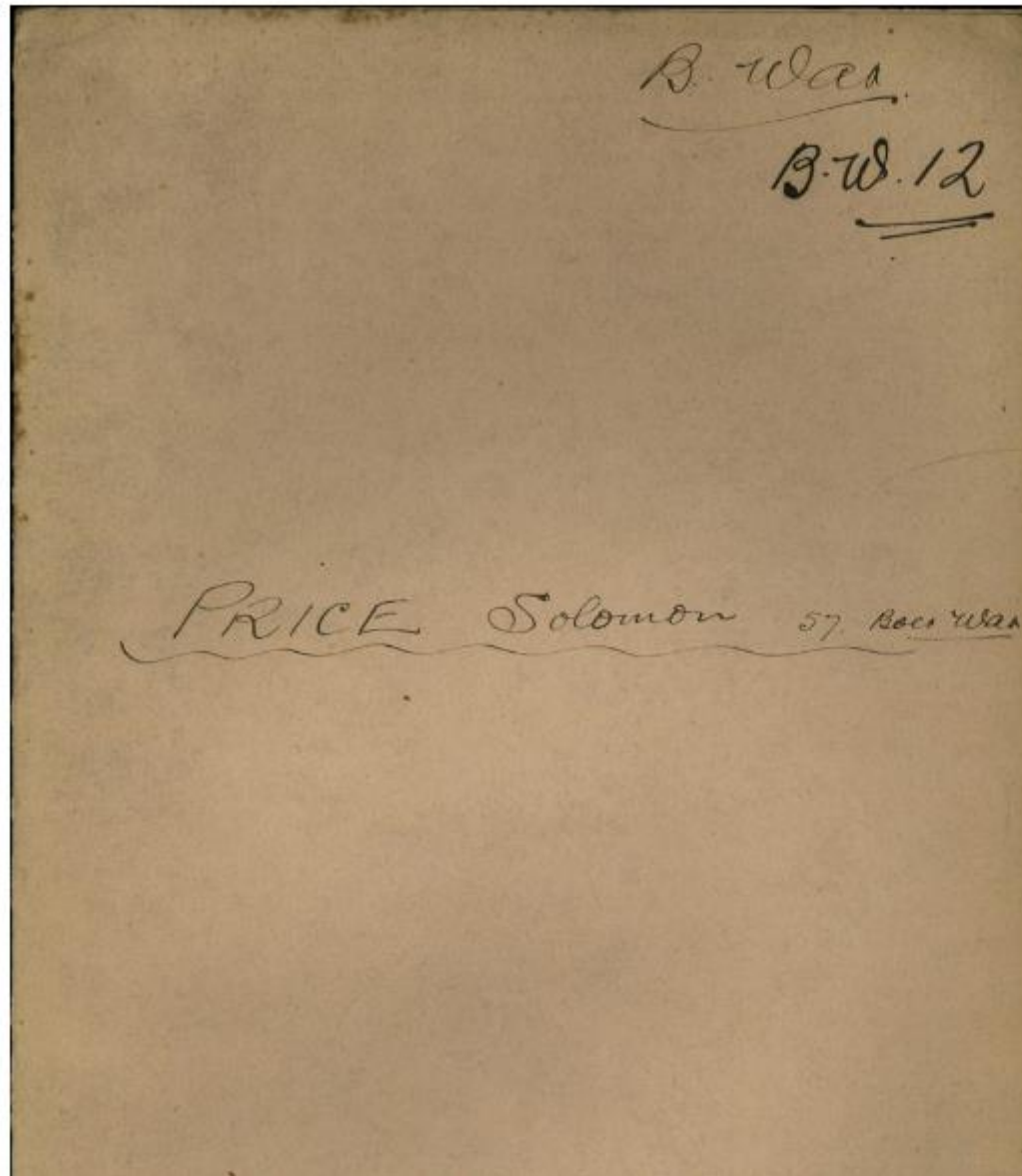
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AND QUOTE B. War Vet.

QUEENSLAND BRANCH

JMW/KB

TELEPHONES:
B 3166 (3 LINES)

100, 102 MARY STREET, BRISBANE

26th. September, 1940.

The Secretary,
Repatriation Commission,
MELBOURNE.

Re:- PRICE, Solomon. - 7th. Commonwealth Horse Regt. -
Boer War. (Deceased).

Application has been made by the wife of the abovenamed deceased for payment of £10/-/- funeral expenses. The South African War Veterans Association of Queensland advised he served in the 2nd. Queensland Contingent - Boer War 1899-1902, his Regimental number being 57. The Declaration on Form 20 states he died in indigent circumstances, the only asset being an Insurance Policy in the Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Co. Ltd.. who have advised that payment of £26/1/- was made on the 6th. August, 1940, to Mrs. Violet Price in settlement of all claims on the Policy.

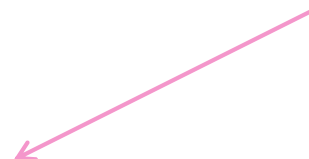
2. A letter has been received from the Public Curator stating that he has no record of any estate to be administered. Attached is a copy of a report furnished by the District Registrar on the 23rd. September, 1940.

3. Case is submitted to the Commission with the recommendation that a grant of £10/-/- be approved in accordance with Circular Letter 14.

M. J. Hansen
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Encl.

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To interment of the late "Soloman Price"			
Interment		£10	- -

Denis Patrick Finn

- ▶ Enlisted as 17 year old
- ▶ Prisoner of war on his 18th birthday
- ▶ Life of petty crime, various alias including Johan Romanoff



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STRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

3976

Name FINN, DENNIS PATRICK

Unit 32nd Battalion

2193 220150

Joined on September 19th 1915 9/15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

What is your Name? Dennis Patrick Finn

In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Brisbane

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

What is your age? 18 1/2 years

What is your trade or calling? Labourer

Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, whom, to whom, and for what period? No

Are you married? No

Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Father Mrs John Finn 449 (Pemb) Street Brisbane

Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No

Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Commission of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? 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. Now serving with AIF

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

Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No

4. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mothers)—
Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? No

5. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? Yes

Dennis Patrick Finn

do solemnly declare that the above answers made

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Title

Finn Dennis Patrick :
SERN 3976 : POB
Brisbane QLD : POE
Fraser's Camp QLD :
NOK F Finn John

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1914 - 1920

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Dennis Patrick Finn

Service number	3976
Rank	Private
Unit	52nd Australian Infantry Battalion
Conflict/Operation	First World War, 1914-1918



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Shauna Hicks Caloundra Apr 2019

52nd Battn.,
A.I.F.

FINN,
3976.

Dennis.Patrick.

Wounded.

Wounded 3-4.9.16.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters 9-11-16.

Prisoner of War

Transferred from Krgs: Lazarett 2. Caudry to place unknown.
Cert. by - German List dated 21-10-16.

London,
15-11-16.

B.

No 23462

at Dennis Finn

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Name DENNIS PATRICK FINN

Native Place Wood Road NSW

28 N 11 1928

Year of birth 1928

Arrived in State { Ship PS

Trade or occupation previous to conviction Mechanic

Religion R.C.

Education, degree of R.S.

Height, without shoes 5 feet 11 1/2 ins.

Weight in lbs { On admission 161

Colour of hair Fair

Colour of eyes Blue

Marked special features Right hand little finger has been badly scarred by being caught in a machine



(Nos. of previous Portraits)

CONVICTIONS

Where and When	Offence	Sentence
Central Pl 21 11 28	False pretence	6 months H.L. trials of appeal lodged 21/11/28
Sydney G.S. 6 12 28	Appealed dismissed conviction	Confirmed and sentence increased to 12 months H.L.
Supplied by Police		
St Adelaide Pl 20 12 12	Idle & disorderly	1 month in Reformatory
St Brisbane Pl 6 10 15	Assault police	1 month H.L.
	Obscene language	Convicted discharged
Brisbane Pl 30 5 27	Stealing	15 or 1 month H.L.
" 3 10 27	Illegally use motor car	15 or 1 month H.L.
" 1 11 27	Wilful damage property	15 or 1 month H.L.
Sydney G.S. 8 11 28	Endeavour to procure evidence	1 month H.L.

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FINN, the Russian who was clever enough to penetrate the cash can-niness of the Scot and reap an ill-gotten harvest.

**NO NEED FOR
NEW
"CON" TRICKS**
—
**Notes-Changing One
Still Works**

Dennis Finn, a Russian, who is otherwise known as **Johann Romanoff**, 31 years of age, describes himself as a laborer, but the vineyard in which he labors is the one where the easy money grows.

HE has just gone to gaol for six months for plucking 162 one pound notes from the bank account of a Scotsman named Albert Loze Coombe.

Coombe was on his way back to bonnie Scotland by the s.s. Largs Bay, according to Senior-sergeant W. J. Aird, after a few years well spent in Australia.

The Russian gentleman was working the old trick of promising to exchange Australian notes for English ones, after telling the victim that he, too, was going to Scotland on the Largs Bay.

After he had wormed his way into the confidence of Coombe as a fellow voyager he induced the Scot to draw the £162 from the bank and hand it to him to take it to Victory Chambers and exchange for £150 in English money.

Coombe waited half an hour for **Finn** to come out of Victory Chambers with the money, in vain, and then he went to the police.

George Price

- ▶ Name search George Price with WW1 filter = army dossier
- ▶ Basic search George Price = WW2 mobilisation file

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 6077 Name Price George
 Unit 19 Mpts 9 Bn
 Joined on March 21/2/16

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... George Price
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Bundamba - Ipswich in the County of Queensland
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Yes
4. What is your Age? ... 26 years 1 month
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Mines
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married? ... Yes
Margaret Isabel Price (Wife)
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Thompson, Walter, 1/2 ...
1st Road, ...
Channonville 2nd ...
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable 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? ... No
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 ... No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
14. (For married men, witnesses with children and others ...)

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Title

PRICE George :
 Service Number -
 6077 : Place of Birth -
 Bundamba QLD :
 Place of Enlistment -
 Charters Towers QLD
 : Next of Kin - (Wife)
 PRICE Margaret
 Isabel

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1914 - 1920

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PRICE GEORGE

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A.A. Form Mob. 1

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MILITARY FORCES

MOBILIZATION ATTESTATION FORM

To be filled in for all Persons at the Place of Assembly when called out under Parts III, or IV, of the Defence Act, or when voluntarily enlisted.

Army No. ~~187014~~ 187014
 Surname PRICE. Christian Names George.
 (BLOCK CAPITALS)
 Unit Garrison Bn
 Enlisted for war service at Brisbane (Place)
 Queensland (State) 13th Oct/1939. (Date)

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Questions to be put to persons called out or presenting themselves for voluntary enlistment.*

1. What is your name? ... 1. Surname PRICE (BLOCK LETTERS)
 Other names George.
 2. Where were you born? ... 2. In or near the town of BUNDAMBA
 in the state or country of Q'ld
 3. Are you a British Subject? ... 3. Yes
 4. What is your age and date of birth? ... 4. Age 49.
 Date of Birth 20/12/1889.
 5. What is your trade or occupation? ... 5. Labourer.
 6. Are you married, single or widower? ... 6. Married
 7. Have you previously served on active service? If so, where and in what arm? ... 7. Yes. France. 9th Infantry Bn
 8. Who is your actual next of kin? (Order of relationship:—wife, eldest son, eldest daughter, father, mother, eldest brother, ... 8. Name Margaret Isabel Price
 Address 8 Chapel St.
 Petrie Terrace

Title

PRICE GEORGE :
 Service Number -
 Q187014 : Date of
 birth - 20 Dec 1889 :
 Place of birth -
 BUNDAMBA QLD :
 Place of enlistment -
 BRISBANE QLD :
 Next of Kin - PRICE
 MARGARET

Contents range

1940 - 1947

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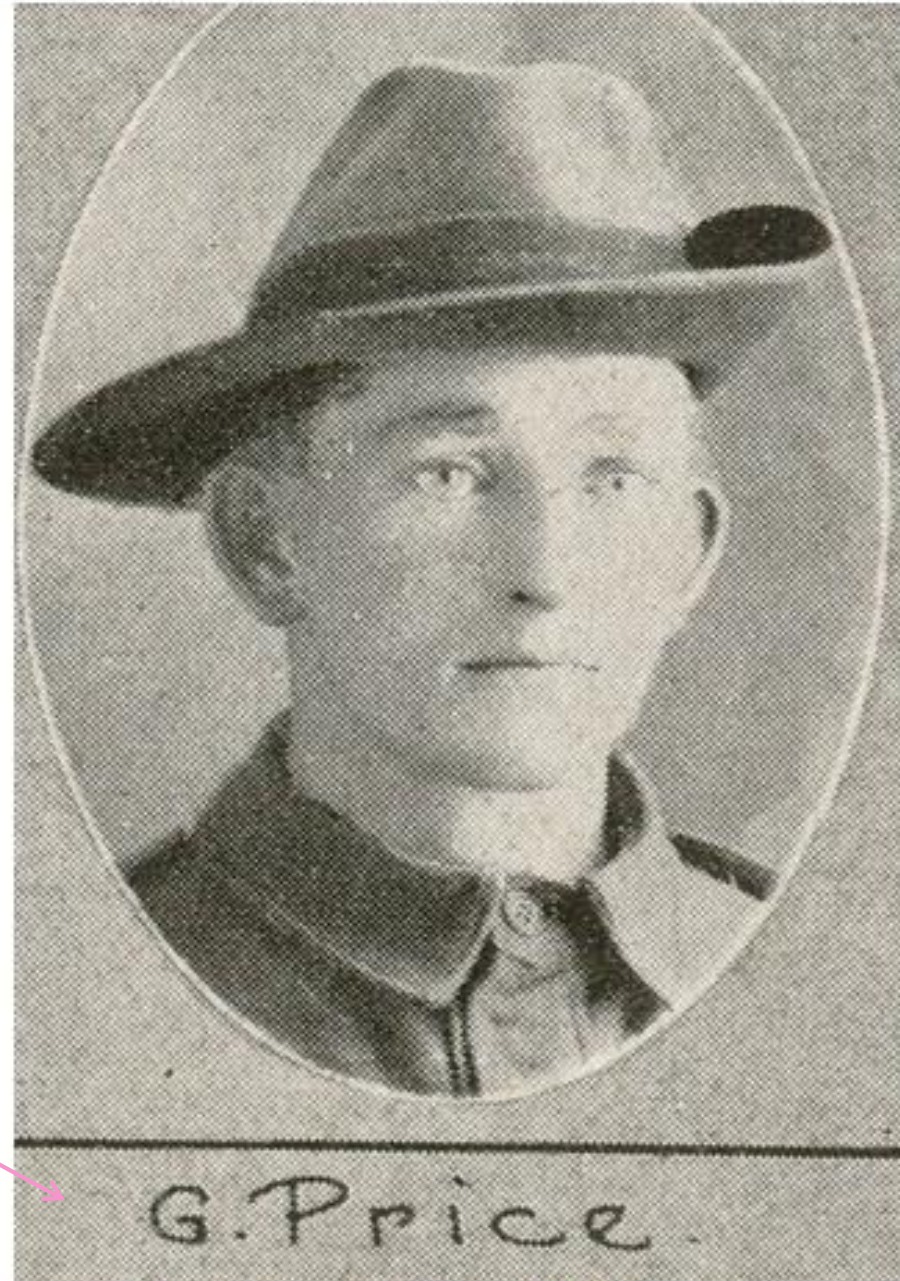
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Enstl. No.	Names (in full).	Rank.	Age.	Trade or Calling.	Married or Single.	Address at Date of Enrolment.	Next of Kin and Address.	Religion.	Date of Joining.	A.M.F. Unit Serving in at Date of Enrolment.	Pay.			
											Before Embarkation.		After Embarkation.	
											Rate per Diem.	Date to which Paid.	Daily Rate, excluding Deferred Pay.	Allowance in Australia per Diem.
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9TH INFANTRY BATTALION, 19TH REINFORCEMENTS— <i>continued.</i>														
6070	McNeale, James Frederick Harold	Private	35	Foreman trimmer	M.	South Sydney-street, Mackay, Queensland	Mrs. I. M. McNeale, wife, 136 Harcourt-street, New Farm, Brisbane, Qld.	R.C.	14.2.16	..	5 0	7.8.16	5 0	4 0
6071	Maier, Martin Thomas	..	37	Shearer	S.	Richmond, Queensland	E. Maier, father, Boundary-street, South Townsville, Queensland	R.C.	20.12.15	..	5 0	"	5 0	3 0
6072	Nolan, Harry	..	25	Grocer	S.	Herberton, Queensland	Mrs. E. Barry, sister, Mount Mulligan, North Queensland	C. of E.	12.2.16	..	5 0	"	5 0	3 0
6073	Neal, Gordon Alwyn	..	21	Grazier	S.	Mossvale, <i>vid</i> Charters Towers, North Queensland	Mrs. M. J. Neal, mother, Post Office, Charters Towers, Queensland	R.C.	5.2.16	..	5 0	"	5 0	3 0
6074	O'Neill, Vincent	..	27	Labourer	S.	Marian, <i>vid</i> Mackay, Qld.	Mrs. Hannah O'Neill, mother, The Woodlands, Marian, <i>vi</i> Mackay, Qld.	R.C.	21.2.16	..	5 0	"	5 0	3 0
6075	O'Flaherty, James	..	25	;	S.	Croydon, Queensland	Mrs. E. O'Flaherty, mother, Samuel-street, Croydon, Queensland	R.C.	19.2.16	..	5 0	"	5 0	3 0
6076	O'Donoghue, David	..	22	Police constable	S.	Brisbane, Queensland	Mrs. M. O'Donoghue, mother, Marfield, Clonmel, Ireland	R.C.	20.4.16	..	5 0	"	5 0	3 0
6077	Price, George	..	26	Miner	M.	Hodgkinson-street, Charters Towers, Queensland	Mrs. M. I. Price, wife, Hodgkinson-street, Charters Towers, Queensland	Meth.	21.2.16	..	5 0	"	5 0	4 0 1 0
6078	Pennington, Thomas John	..	27	Shearer	S.	Longreach, Queensland	Mrs. M. E. Pennington, mother, Malulu, Longreach, Queensland	C. of E.	21.2.16	..	5 0	"	5 0	3 0 2 0
6079	Perry, Joseph	..	37	Labourer	S.	Port Douglas, Queensland	Mrs. M. Murphy, friend, North Australian Hotel, Port Douglas, North Queensland	C. of E.	26.2.16	..	5 0	"	5 0	3 0 2 0

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Henry Price

- ▶ NAA WW1 dossier
- ▶ Part of the Kennedy Regiment, first to PNG in 1914 and then to Gallipoli
- ▶ Mum not born till 1934

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PRICE HENRY

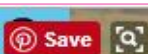
PRICE Henry : Service Number - 584 : Place of Birth - N/A : Place of Enlistment - N/A : Next of Kin - (Wife) PRICE A E

1914 -
1920

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Location: Canberra



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
COPY OF RECORD.

No. 5846pt Name { Surname PRICE
in full { Christian Name Henry
Unit 1st Div
Joined on 41-8-14 At

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your name? ... 1. _____
2. In or near what Parish or Town where you born? ...
near the Town of _____
in the Country of _____
3. Are you a Natural-born British Subject or a Naturalised British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... 2. _____
4. What is your Age? ... 4. _____
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... 5. _____
6. Are you married? ... 6. _____
7. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated.)
The answer to this question shall not be construed as in the nature of a will.
7. Mrs A E Price
Waharbers Towers
21d
8. 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 ... 8. _____
9. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... 9. _____

Description of

on Enlistment.

Age _____ years _____ months.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Height _____ foot _____ inches.

Weight _____ lbs.

Chest Measurement _____ inches.

Complexion _____

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Title

PRICE Henry :
Service Number - 584
: Place of Birth - N/A :
Place of Enlistment -
N/A : Next of Kin -
(Wife) PRICE A E

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2nd A. N. & M. E. F.

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Particulars available :-

Mobilised for War Service in August, 1914.

Embarked at Cairns, Queensland, on 8.8.14, for Thursday Island, (War Station) Garrison Duty.

Enlisted 14.8.14, for service outside Australia.

Re-embarked at Thursday Island, on 16.8.14, Troopship "Kanoona", to take part in the capture of German New Guinea.

Taken on the strength of the A.N. & M.E.F., vide Routine Order No.1, dated 6.9.14.

Returned to Townsville on 18.9.14, on account of the trouble caused by the firemen on troopship.

Did not participate in capture of German New Guinea.

Discharged on 18.9.1914.

Classified as eligible for British War Medal, vide B.R.M.52/572.

War declared 28
Jul 1914

B=8020440

Kanowna

- ▶ Built London 1903
- ▶ Requisitioned as a troop transport ship
- ▶ Took First Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force (AN&MEF) to German New Guinea in 1914
- ▶ 1915 converted to a hospital ship
- ▶ Between 1915-1917 transported British, Australian & New Zealand sick and wounded between Australia, England and Egypt
- ▶ Lost in Bass Strait 1929

Leaving Townsville wharf 1914



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Remembrance Day & My Two Grandfathers

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Each ANZAC Day I like to blog about one of my military ancestors, and this Remembrance Day I have decided to do the same. Neither of my two grandfathers spent much time in military service but their stories are still interesting.

Although my parents were born only a few months apart, my mother's father Henry Price was born in 1887 while my father's father John Martin Gunderson was born in 1909. So one grandfather saw brief service in World War One and the other in World War Two.

Henry Price

At the outbreak of World War One, Henry as part of the Kennedy Regiment in North Queensland, was mobilised for war service. In the event of war, it had been previously arranged that the Kennedy Regiment, one of the citizen-force regiments enrolled under the compulsory training scheme, would garrison Thursday Island. Therefore as soon as the news was received, the regiment's was mobilised. On 8 August 1914 Henry and his regiment (over 1000 men) embarked on the troopship **Kanowna** at Cairns for Thursday Island.



British War
Medal

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Age at enlistment Boer War	Unknown
Age at enlistment World War 1	Unknown
Service occupation	Unknown
Civil occupation	Unknown
Name of Horse	Unknown
Cause of death	Unknown
Medals, Honours, Awards	Unknown
Gender	Unknown
Height (approx)	Unknown

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.	
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.	
COPY OF RECORD.	
No. <i>20466</i>	Name <i>James</i>
Rank <i>Private</i>	Christian Name <i>George</i>
Unit <i>10th Bn. A.I.F.</i>	
Joined on <i>10. 5. 14</i>	At <i></i>
Questions to be put to the Person Filling before Attention.	
1. What is your name?	2. Is the Period of _____ or _____
3. In what service did you serve?	4. In the Term of _____
5. In what service did you serve? (If more than one, state the dates.)	6. In the Country of _____
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9. What is your rank or position?	10. _____
11. Are you married?	12. _____
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No. 1379 Name { Surname PRICE
in full { Christian Name Herbert Leslie
Unit 1st Div 6th
Joined on 14.8.14 At _____

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- What is your name? ... 1. _____
- In or near what Parish or Town where you born? ... 2. In the Parish of _____ in or
near the Town of _____
in the Country of _____
- Are you a Natural-born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... 3. _____
- What is your Age? ... 4. _____
- What is your Trade or Calling? ... 5. _____
- Are you married? ... 6. Mother
- Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated.) ... 7. J. E. Price
Edgemon St
Charters Towers
- 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 ... 8. _____
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... 9. _____

Description of _____ on Enlistment.

Age _____ years _____ months.
Height _____ feet _____ inches.
Weight _____ lbs.

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Title

PRICE Herbert Leslie
: Service Number -
1379 2552 : Place of
Birth - Charters
Towers QLD : Place
of Enlistment -
Townsville QLD : Next
of Kin - (Mother)
PRICE T

Contents range

1914 - 1920

Series number

B2455

Control symbol

PRICE HERBERT
LESLIE

Access status

Open

Barcode

8020461



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22.1.14. *Copy noted for*
A. J. S. Hops 1/2/14
Humphrey st-
West-End-
Tonnsville

To Major G. M. Lean,
Sir

I am sorry to receive
the information of No. 2552. Driver H. L. Price,
my son, being in Colchester Military Hospital ill.
only just-received it-today.

I wish to say we have moved from
Charters Towers Hadgrinson St-
& our Present address is as above.



I remain Sir

Sd Austin
3rd Haysange
3/1

Mrs. Tom Price

22.1.14.

C.



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1/2/14

Leslie Gordon Price

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- ▶ NAA Army service dossier
- ▶ Wikipedia

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			Location: Canberra			

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A.A. Form A.206.

ATTESTATION FORM

FOR SPECIAL FORCES RAISED FOR SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA OR ABROAD

Army No. QX13706
 Surname PRICE (BLOCK CAPITALS) Other Names Gordon Leslie
 Unit _____
 Enlisted for service at Kelvin Grove Brisbane (Place)
Queensland (State) 1st July 1946 (Date)

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Questions to be put to persons called out or presenting themselves for voluntary enlistment.*

1. What is your name? { 1. Surname PRICE
 (BLOCK LETTERS)
 Other names Gordon Leslie
2. Where were you born? { 2. In or near the town of Charters Towers
 in the state or country of Queensland
3. Are you a natural born or a naturalized British Subject? If the latter, papers are to be produced. { 3. Natural Born
4. What is your age and date of birth? { 4. Age 23 years 6 Months
 Date of Birth 3/12/16
5. What is your trade or occupation? { 5. Painter
6. Are you married, single or widower? { 6. Single
7. Have you previously served on active service? If so, where and in what arm? { 7. No
8. Who is your actual next of kin? (Order of relationship:—wife, eldest son, eldest daughter, father, mother, eldest brother, eldest sister, eldest half-brother, eldest half-sister) { 8. Name Mavis Price
 Address 3, O'Keefe St
Duranda Brisbane
 Relationship Mother

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Title PRICE GORDON
 LESLIE : Service
 Number - QX13706 :
 Date of birth - 05 Dec
 1916 : Place of birth -
 CHARTERS
 TOWERS QLD :
 Place of enlistment -
 KELVIN GROVE QLD
 : Next of Kin - PRICE
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Contents range 1940 - 1947

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5/11 (2) Gordon Leslie Price

SERVICE AND CASUALTY REPORT

REPORT		Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local, or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, &c., forfeiture of pay, wounds, accidents, admission to and discharge from Hospital, Casualty Clearing Stations, &c., Date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including Tullough, &c.).	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority W.3011, B.2009, or other Document	Signature of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
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26.9.42	X List	Evac. 7AGH to 6AGH.	17.9.42	"	Q891	24/9/42
17.10.42	"	Evac. 6AGH to 1ACD	6.10.42	"	Q1146	27/10/42
21.10.42	X List	Dischd from 1ACD to Eng Tac Coy	19.10.42	"	Q1295	31/10/42
26.12.42	2/13 Feb Coy	Transferred to 2/13 Feb Coy from Eng Tac Coy	12.12.42	"	Q2276	2/12/42
6.5.43	2/13 Feb Coy	Embarked M.C.	24.1.43	Anst	Q3001	7/5/43
3.11.42	2/13 Feb Coy	Disembarked Sydney per officer	24.1.43	Anst	Q3001	7/5/43
3.11.42	2/13 Feb Coy	W/for from 1ACD	24.1.43	Anst	Q3001	7/5/43
5.1.43	"	W/for to 2/13 Feb Coy	12.12.42	"	Q2276	2/12/42
16.10.43	2/13 Feb Coy	Embarked Cairns	9.8.43	Anst	Q14725	1/8/43
"	"	Disembarked Milne Bay	11.8.43	Anst	Q14725	1/8/43
22.3.44	2/13 Feb Coy	Embarked Finschhafen	11.3.44	RIG	Q14725	1/8/43
"	"	Disembarked Lae	19.3.44	1901	Q14725	1/8/43
13.12.43	Cas. Sec.	Wounded in action (Remain ing on duty)	19.11.43	2/13 Feb Coy	1/25/44	Q14725
16.2.44	2/13 Feb Coy	Evac to 2/2 AGH (Bronchitis) 1/2 to 6/2	16.5.44	"	Q10.8/	1/4/44
9.6.44	2/2 AGH	Disch. 2/2 AGH to 9ADRC	22.5.44	"	Q10.8/	1/4/44
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Abbreviations used in World War I and World War II service records

Abbreviation	Definition
AAH	Australian Auxiliary Hospital
AAMC	Australian Army Medical Corps
AANS	Australian Army Nursing Service
AASC	Australian Army Service Corps
AB/Dvr	Able Bodied Driver – rank no longer used
ADBD	Australian Divisional Base Depot
ADH	Australian Dermatological Hospital
AFA	Australian Field Artillery
AFC	Australian Flying Corps
AGBD	Australian General Base Depot
AGH	Australian General Hospital

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The World War Two Nominal Roll was created to honour and commemorate the men and women who served in Australia's defence forces and the Merchant Navy during this conflict.

This site contains information from the service records of some one million individuals who served during World War Two.

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<http://nominal-rolls.dva.gov.au>

Service Record

Name	PRICE, GORDON LESLIE
Service	Australian Army
Service Number	QX13706
Date of Birth	5 Dec 1916
Place of Birth	CHARTERS TOWERS, QLD
Date of Enlistment	1 Jul 1940
Locality on Enlistment	BURANDA, QLD
Place of Enlistment	KELVIN GROVE, QLD
Next of Kin	PRICE, ALICE
Date of Discharge	30 Nov 1945
Rank	Private
Posting at Discharge	2/13 Field Company
WW2 Honours and Gallantry	None for display
Prisoner of War	No

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World War Two Service

PRIVATE
GORDON LESLIE PRICE
QX13706



SERVICE	AUSTRALIAN ARMY
DATE OF BIRTH	5 DECEMBER 1916
PLACE OF BIRTH	CHARTERS TOWERS, QLD
DATE OF ENLISTMENT	1 JULY 1940
LOCALITY ON ENLISTMENT	BURANDA, QLD
PLACE OF ENLISTMENT	KELVIN GROVE, QLD
NEXT OF KIN	PRICE, ALICE
DATE OF DISCHARGE	30 NOVEMBER 1945
POSTING AT DISCHARGE	2/13 FIELD COMPANY



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Siege of Tobruk

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Siege of Tobruk** was a lengthy confrontation between [Axis](#) and [Allied](#) forces in North Africa during the [Western Desert Campaign](#) of the [Second World War](#). The siege started on 11 April 1941, when Tobruk was attacked by an Italian-German force under [Lieutenant General Erwin Rommel](#) and continued for 240 days, when it was relieved by the [Eighth Army](#) during [Operation Crusader](#).

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Siege of Tobruk

Part of [Western Desert Campaign](#)



Australian troops occupy a front line position at Tobruk

Date 10 April – 27 November 1941

Location [Tobruk, Libya](#)

Result Decisive [Allied victory](#)^[1]

Belligerents

 Australia	 Nazi Germany
 Czechoslovakia	 Italy
 Poland	
 United Kingdom	
 British India	



NEW GUINEA

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4-9-43

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Sattelburg

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G. L. Price

QX 13796



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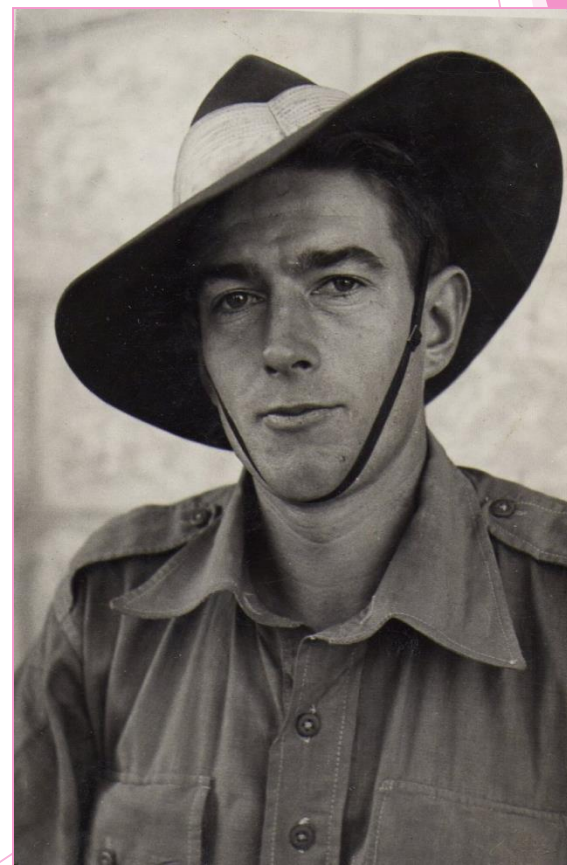
Charles Douglas Spencer

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Access status: Not yet examined				Location: Canberra	

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Access status: Open with exception				Location: Adelaide	

Army pay files (2AIF), single number series with 'SX' prefix



Charles Douglas Spencer – Military Medal for Bravery

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Charles Douglas Spencer

This ANZAC day I want to commemorate Charles Douglas Spencer, and other Spencer family members who have all been involved in the defence services for over four generations.

Charles Douglas Spencer (SX 428), or Doug as he was more commonly known, enlisted in the Australian Army in World War II on 20 October 1939 at Keswick, South Australia. He was 20 years old. We have a copy of his army dossier from the **National Archives of Australia** which outlines all his activities during the war. He was discharged on 26 September 1945 and at the time was a Sergeant with the HQ SIGS 1 Australian Corps.

Of more interest to us as a family, we have Doug's own memoirs which he wrote out for his sons Noel who served in the Australian Army for 20 years and Max who served in the Australian Army for 6 years and then transferred to the RAAF for a further 20 years.

V X 12703 Lt. Col R. Kendall,
Headquarters A. I. F.,
Middle East,
21st Sept 1941.

Dear Spencer,

As your Commanding Officer during the campaign in Greece, I am delighted to learn that you have received an "immediate" award of the Military Medal. Please accept my very hearty congratulations.

The act for which I recommended you for the M.M. took place near the LEVADIA railway station in Greece on 20th April 1941, when three trains of petrol, gun ammunition and explosives were set alight by intensive bombing and machine gun attacks by enemy aircraft. You were engaged in jointing & repairing the wires of a civil telephone route. In spite of the great risk to your own life & despite terrific heat, exploding shells and bursting petrol tins in the very near vicinity you continued jointing & repairing telephone lines throughout the bombing raid; as a result vital communications were quickly reestablished.

Your act and its recognition add to the pride I feel in having commanded 1st Aust. Corps Signals

yours sincerely
R. Kendall.

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Earning their stripes a Spencer family tradition

By Kate McCarthur

Having three sergeants in the one family is a fairly rare combination, but for Berri resident Mrs Elma Spencer, it is a family she is very proud of.

Sgt Doug Spencer and his two sons, Sgt Noel Spencer and Sgt Max Spencer, took part in the Anzac Day march in Canberra on Sunday, the first march they have been in together as a family.

While thousands of people take the opportunity to annually commemorate the men and women who died during the wars on Anzac Day, the Canberra march was the first march ever attended by Doug Spencer.

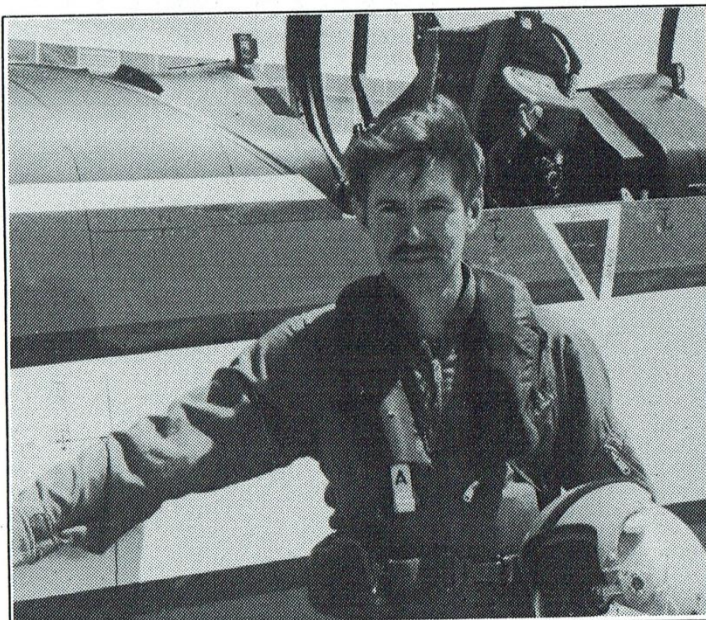
Always think

"I always think of them (the people who served in the war) - I can think of them without the march," Doug said.

Doug joined the army on the first day of recruiting in 1939 and served for six years in the 6th division during World War Two.

After six months of training as a signalman in Melbourne, Doug served in the Middle East, Libya, Greece, and Syria before returning to Australia.

He was awarded a Military Medal in Greece for repairing damage to telephone communications caused by



Sgt Max Spencer .. an air force fighter pilot.

His heroism was reported in a newspaper: *'The heat became almost unbearable as truck after truck of a wrecked train ignited. Not until four hours after the fire began did he work his way out of range'.*

After returning to Australia Doug then continued his service in Papua New Guinea and Morotai until the end of the war.

"We had our good times and bad times," he said.

Greece and the sea trips, while the bad times...

"I've forgotten about them," he said.

Doug's return to Australia was a nightmare.

He travelled with 167 other men for nearly 10 weeks on a ship, which broke down nearly every day, while the men living in cramped quarters with no portholes.

The men lived on bully beef - fried, stewed, mashed and plain throughout the trip.

On June 26, 1943, Doug

When the training was finished, Noel was sent to Sydney to train as an infantry soldier, and spent 17 years as a clerk in Adelaide, Woodside, Canberra, Singleton and Vietnam.

"I had a ball in Vietnam - I loved it," he said, "it was my first trip overseas."

Noel was the last clerk sent to Vietnam in November, 1972, where he worked for eight months.

"It's just a different world," he said.

"We were busy all the time - we never had time to



Atherton table lands and some jungle before more open country as the track gets further from the coast and the top of the Cape runs in the centre. Mainly station country, unfenced and the few homesteads deserted, but still some cattle running loose and we had some nice fresh young beef unofficially. The only other habitation before the Cape was Coen, and all I remember of that was a tin pub where all drinks were 1/- each, including a galss of water which came by packhorse from Pt Stewart on the coast. Passed a sign saying Wenlock but saw nothing but a lonely grave with a solid wrought iron fence but no name. The next thousand or so kilos is more interesting on T.V. but it was ^{a good} ~~worth~~ the experience then. Worth mentioning is my fishing experience in one of the tidal creeks or rivers. When the tide is out you can usually cross OK and we camped the night it was out and I set two cord lines baited with fresh beef and after tea it was a bit dark so I took a burning stick from the fire, tide had come in a bit so I walked out up to my knees to the stake where my lines were tied and something wrapped around my legs. I dropped the light and felt sure a croc had me, but it was a big catfish on one line and a burramundi on the other and I landed them both. Got to our destination at last, Red Island Point, though the nearest island is Thursday I's. The only habitation at Red Island Point then was the telegraph station with one white man and one half caste whose job it was to keep the single telegraph wire in order via packhorse.

The rest of the unit joined us and we laid submarine cable, or at least helped the cable laying ship lay it to Thursday Island, built a line across it, laid sub cable to horn I's, laid sub cable to Hammond I's, built a line across it and went to New Guinea and bui^lt lines around there for 5 months by which time the sub cable had reached Port Moresby and they had a line through for the first time. I went home on leave, back to NG and then we all

Conclusion

- ▶ More resources are going online, revisit
- ▶ If it is only an index/database then still need to check original records
- ▶ Consider using interactive sites
- ▶ Remember not everything is online!