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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. N394706
Surname GORDON
Christian Names Robert Edward
Unit
Enlisted for war service at Taralga (Place)
6 11 (State) 13 1 42 (Date)

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

- 1. What is your name? ... 1. Surname GORDON
2. Where were you born? ... 2. In or near the town of Goulburn.
3. Are you a British Subject? ... 3. Yes.
4. What is your age and date of birth? ... 4. Age 18 yrs 2 mths
5. (a) What is your normal trade or occupation? ... 5. (a) Farmer
6. (a) Are you married, single or widower? ... 6. (a) Single
7. (a) Have you had previous naval, military or Air Force service? ... 7. (a) No.
8. Who is your actual next of kin? ... 8. Name Robert Alexander Gordon
9. What is your permanent address? ... 9. Church St., Taralga, N.S.W.
10. What is your religious denomination? ... 10. Catholic
11. Which, if any, of the following Educational Qualifications do you possess? ... 1. Certificate for entry to Secondary School No.
12. Have you ever been convicted by a Civil Court? ... 12. No.

I, Robert Edward Gordon do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true.
Witnessed by [Signature] R. E. Gordon

The person will be warned that should he give false answers to any of these questions he will be liable to heavy penalties under the Defence Act.

**B**  
MEDICAL EXAMINATION

I have made full and careful examination of the abovenamed person in accordance with the instructions of the Standing Orders for Australian Army Medical Services. In my opinion Receiving Depot, NSW L of C

- 1. Fit for ~~Class I~~
  - 2. ~~Temporarily unfit for Class I~~ Fit for A2 Class: because of flat foot after operation
  - 3. Fit for Class II A
  - 4. ~~Temporarily unfit for Class II~~ Goulburn Woods 12.8.42
  - 5. ~~Unfit for military service~~
- Place Jaralga Date 13 JAN 1942  
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer [Signature] MEDICAL BOARD  
\* Classifications which are inapplicable to be struck out. \* Reasons for unfitness to be stated.

**C**  
OATH OF ENLISTMENT I

For persons voluntarily enlisted or called upon under Part III. or Part IV. of the Defence Act, and not being members of the Active Citizen Military Forces to serve in the Citizen Forces in time of war. Not compulsory for serving members of the Forces or those allotted to the Citizen Forces under Part XII. of the Act, but unless in any case an objection is raised, the oath should be administered to them as part of the ceremony of attestation.

Les Edwards Gordon swear that I will well and truly  
 reign Lord, the King, in the Citizen Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia for  
 the present time of war, and for a period of twelve months thereafter, or until sooner  
 discharged, dismissed, or removed, and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His  
 Majesty's arms to be kept and maintained, and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service faith-  
 fully perform my duty according to law.

**So Help Me God!**

Signature of Person Enlisted R. E. Gordon  
 Enlisted at Jaralga in the State of NSW  
 on 13<sup>th</sup> day of Jan 1942  
 Signature of Attesting Officer [Signature]

Who objects to take an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Defence Act. This form will be amended accordingly and initialed by the Attesting Officer.

POSTED BY Goulburn  
 ON 29/9/42 BY [Signature]  
 POSTED BY Goulburn  
 ON 3-10-42 BY [Signature]

TAKEN ON STRENGTH 13 10 42  
 PAY TO COMMENCE FROM [Signature]  
 SIGNATURE OF SOLDIER R. E. Gordon SIGNATURE OF OFFICER [Signature]

**PART A**—Compiled by Unit:

**PROCEEDINGS FOR DISCHARGE.** 15/21

A.A.F. A. 101  
(Revised July, 1945)

Discharge Authority	<i>Denise [unclear]</i>
Reason for Discharge	AMR G O 253A(1)1 <i>AMR G O 253A(1)1</i>
State in which discharge desired—Normally State in which member's home is situated.	<i>NSW</i>

Unit **LHQ SCHOOL OF MECH 2A MOB WING** Army No. *N 394764* Rank *DVA*  
Other Names *Robert Edward* Surname *GORDON*  
(Block Letters)

**PART B**—Personal details—compiled by Unit:

1. Home address: *Rose Hill Rydman Rd. via Goulburn*  
Date commenced F.T.D. *13/10/43* Date of Birth *16/8/23*  
State whether—  
Married, single, divorced, widow, or widower *Married* No. of Dependents in respect of whom dependent's allowance is being paid—  
Under 16 yrs. — 16 yrs. & over *1*

2. Present Description of Soldier:—

Age *22* yrs. months  
Height *5' 6 1/2* ins. Eyes *Grey*  
Complexion *Medium* Hair *Dark*  
Marks/Scars *Lateral scar on Shank*

Medical Cases Only AMR G O 253A(1) 1d	Disability:—
Grade of Disability:— %	
Authenticating Signature Date	
For Echelon Use—	

3. Operational Service:—

Unit Overseas area of service	Embarked from Aust.	Disembarked in Aust.
<i>Bungawalville</i>	<i>5/6/45</i>	<i>2/1/46</i>

(b) N.T. (North of Par. 14 $^{\circ}$  5th.) or Torres St. At From To

Part B compiled by:—  
Date *9/10/45* *[Signature]*  
(Officer's signature and rank)

**PART C**—Compiled by Ech. and Rec.:

4. Non-effective Service:\*

**PART D**—Compiled by Ech. & Rec.:

5. Details for Certificate of Discharge No. *422177*  
Unit (for discharge purposes) *LHQ School of Mech 2A Mob Wing*  
Served on continuous Full Time War Service in the *CMR* from *13/10/43* to *15/3/46*  
from *1/1* to *1/1*  
for a Total Effective Period\* of *1254* days, which included  
Active Service in Australia *195* days and  
Active Service O/S Australia *231* days  
Decorations and Awards† during that Service:

War Badge *4272295* Entered Badge Register *R*  
Discharged from the *CMR* and discharge confirmed vide Schedule No. *AMR G O 253A(1)1* to take effect on and from *5/11/45*

Place *[unclear]* Signature *[unclear]*  
Date *1/1* Officer *[unclear]* Ech. and Rec.

6. Details compiled by *[unclear]*  
A.A.F. A.101 written by *[unclear]* checked by *[unclear]*  
Entered Discharge Certificate Register *[unclear]*  
A.A.F. A.101 obtained by *[unclear]* Entered "Will" Register *[unclear]*

**PART E**—To be signed by Soldier on discharge:  
7. I hereby acknowledge receipt of: *422177*  
(a) Certificate of Discharge No. *422177*  
(b) Army Form A.13) purporting to contain my Will. *(?)*  
(c) War Badge No. *4272295*  
Date *15/11/45* Signature of Soldier *R. E. Gordon*  
Place *[unclear]* Signature of Witness *[unclear]*

\* "Effective Period" means the period of service, less any consecutive 21 days or more for which the soldier was not entitled to pay.  
† Australia means the mainland of Australia and Tasmania.  
‡ Does not include War Medals.

**DETERMINATION OF DEMOBILIZATION PRIORITY**

DEMOB. INDICATOR		
N	N	146

**A. ARMY NO.** N394706      **RANK** DVR.      **UNIT** LBQ S.C.D. 24 MOD WING  
**SURNAME** GORDEN  
**OTHER NAMES** Robert Edward  
**Date of Commencement of Full Time War Service** 13/10/42      **Age at commencement of Full Time War Service** 19 years.

**B. ASSESSMENT OF NORMAL PRIORITY.**

1. Length of Service in months <u>36</u> X 2 (males) or X 3 (females) .....	<u>72</u>
2. Age at enlistment in years <u>19</u> X 2 (males) or X 3 (females) .....	<u>36</u>
3. Dependency Status (males only)—one point for each month of Service .....	<u>36</u>
<b>Total (Normal Priority)</b>	
<u>144</u>	

4. Dependency Status (females only)—insert "A" ..... Class .....  
5. Marriage (females only) —insert "B" .....  
6. Rewards and overseas work .....  
**Date** 11 Oct 45  
7. I desire discharge in the State of N.S.W.      Edward Rowe      **Signature of Officer**  
8. I intend to apply .....      **Date** 4-10-45      R. E. Gordon      **Signature of Member**  
\* (i) ~~See section in this Determination—Military Forces~~  
(ii) ~~See section in this Determination—Demob. Service~~

**C. DECISION OF COMMANDING OFFICER OR REPRESENTATIVE OF SERVICE ON FORMATION H.Q.†**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Not to be returned  
\*To be retained—(see instructions).

McH. Rowe      5 MAR 1945

**D. ALLOTMENT OF SPECIAL PRIORITY.**

Reason and Authority: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_      Signature of Commanding Officer or Representative of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS.**

**LENGTH OF SERVICE**—Months of service calculated from the date of commencement of full-time service to the date notified by L.H.Q.  
**AGE AT ENLISTMENT**—Completed years of age at date of commencement of full-time war service.  
**DEPENDENCY STATUS**—Accrued only to members on whom benefit or allowance is being paid by the Army for one or more dependants.  
**MARRIAGE**—Claims by female members for discharge on account of marriage will not be recognised if such marriage has not been reported, and in consequence has not been entered in their personal records.  
**PART C—REASONS FOR RETENTION**—to be inserted as appropriate:  
(i) Member of Permanent Military Forces      (ii) Service throughout Demob. period—voluntary.  
(iii) Applicant for Permanent Military Forces      (iv) Services essential—Retained until \_\_\_\_\_  
Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Strike out where appropriate.

*Due March*

### SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

A.F. 118-1 (Adapted)

Army No *N 394706*

A.A.N. NUMBER *41-12-113*

Date *11/1/42*

Rank *Platoon* Pte. Christian Names *Robert Edward* Surname *GORDON*

Class of Enlistment *13. 10. 42. (MOB. SIND-O.)* Marital Condition *Married*

Place *BARBARA, S.S.S.* Next of Kin *Mrs. Lillian Gordon NEWBY*

Date and Place of Birth *14. 9. 22. GOULBURN, N.S.W.* Address of Next of Kin *Church Street, Newby*

Trade or Occupation *FARMER* Relationship *Wife*

Religion *R. C.* Medical Classification *Class II B2* Identification - Colour of Hair *Black* Eyes *Grey*

Distinctive Marks *Scar on ankle*

MOVEMENTS TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS SPACE

DATE	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS	DATE OF CHANGE	CLASS OF CHANGE	AUTHORITY	INITIALS
10.10.42	TAKEN ON V.T. WITH		10.10.42	STREET		
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NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DATE OF RECEIPT	PLACE OF RECEIPT	AMOUNT PAID	REMARKS
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29	1943	...	...	...	...	...
30	1943	...	...	...	...	...

FORWARD WITH ALL COPIES TO THE DIRECTOR

10/5/43

AGS/WTRA/MVM

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XXXXX  
MXX 136  
EXT 587

N 394706

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XXXXXXXXXXXX  
XXXXXXXXXXXX  
Central Army Records Office,  
Albert Park Barracks,

25 MAY 1951

Dear Madam,

Your letter of recent date regarding campaign awards of your husband and yourself is acknowledged.

It is advised in reply that awards have been forwarded to the engravers for inscription and redirection as soon as possible. The awards are as follows:-

N 394706 R. E. Gordon.  
Pacific Star  
War Medal.  
Australia Service Medal.  
N 443440 L. E. Gordon.  
War Medal.  
Australia Service Medal.

Your service also entitles you to the issue of the General Service Badge, which will be forwarded to you during the next few days.

... Please note that no certificate of Discharge was enclosed with the AB 83, which is returned herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. L. E. Gordon,  
Chatsbury Post Office,  
VIA GOULBURN. N.S.W.

Colonel,  
OIC Central Army Records Office.





NIA

N 394706

Chatsbury  
via  
Youghburn

Dear Sir I wish to apply  
for my husband's war medal also  
any that may come to me My new  
address is Chatsbury P.O. via Youghburn  
Thanking You

Enclosing my discharge also my  
husband's H.M. 83 under request  
packet

R. E. GORDON

EXT 4-213  
24/5/51

NF 443440

Chatsbury P.O.  
via Youghburn, N.S.W.

~~Regret Name Illegible~~  
~~Always Please Advise Army Number~~

(200) L. M. GORDON

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No discharge for letter  
attached 24/5/51

16 MAY 1951