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NSW : Place of enlistment - PADDINGTON NSW : Next of Kin - WRIGHT JEAN



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STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER SECTION 40(5) OF THE ARCHIVES ACT 1983- INCLUDING DECISION ON ACCESS

Record Series: B883	Control symbol: NX89098
Record Title: WRIGHT JOHN EDWARD : Service Number - NX89098 : Date of birth - 22 Oct 1913 : Place of birth - HAY NSW : Place of enlistment - PADDINGTON NSW : Next of Kin - WRIGHT JEAN	Total number of folios on the record: 29

1. Decision

After examining this record I have decided to partially exempt it from public access.

2. Basis for decision

I have taken into account:

- the content of the record requested
- the relevant provisions of the Archives Act 1983 (the Act)
- policy and guidelines of National Archives of Australia that relate to the access examination of Commonwealth records

3. Material withheld

Category of material withheld	Number of total folios per category
Partially exempted folios (certain parts of the text have been expunged)	0
Wholly exempted folios	1
Folios not within the open access period as defined in s3 (7) of the Act	14

4. Findings of fact and reasons for decision

A. Findings of fact

In Table A in Annexure 1, I have provided a summary of my findings of fact where I have invoked specific provisions under s 33 of the Act. By invoking these provisions, I have relied on material listed in part 2 above in order to arrive at my decision.

B. Reasons for decision

In Table A in Annexure 1, I have provided the reasons for my decision for each folio exempted and those reasons are derived from the findings of fact.

5. Appeal rights

The National Archives undertakes careful examination of a record before making a decision to exempt any part of a record. As part of that process we may consult with other agencies which have expertise on specific national and international matters.

If you do not agree with my decision to exempt information under a provision of s 33 of the Act, you can contact a reference officer in National Archives and seek a further explanation.

If you are still not happy with the decision and within 28 days of receiving it, you can formally appeal by:

- 1) first applying to Archives for an internal reconsideration of my decision; and
- 2) if you still do not agree with the decision, you can apply to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for a review.

For more information please read the **National Archives Fact Sheet 12- What to do if we refuse you access**. You can also lodge a complaint with the Commonwealth Ombudsman in relation to the decision.

Decision maker D Wang

Designation APS Level 4

Date 12 Aug 2014

Annexure 1

Table A: Material exempted by folio number and grouped by the application of exemption provisions

Relevant legislative provision invoked under s33 of the Act	Folio numbers	Finding of facts	Reasons for decision
S 33(1) (g) - information or matter the disclosure of which under this Act would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information relating the personal affairs of any person (including a deceased person).	29	<p>These folios are wholly exempt as they contain:</p> <p>Information concerning the personal affairs of a named person.</p>	<p>The information withheld is of a nature such that its disclosure would be an unreasonable intrusion on the personal affairs of a person named in the record and could cause distress to the subject.</p> <p>There is no evidence available that the subject expected the information to be made publicly known in the intervening years.</p> <p>It is not likely that, if given the opportunity, the subject would consent to the release of such personal information about themselves.</p> <p>The information is of a kind that most members of the community would not want disclosed about themselves if placed in a similar position</p> <p>If publicly disclosed, the information could reasonably be expected to cause distress or embarrassment to the person concerned and to family members</p>

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Correspondence: GPO Box 1932R
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Info Svc/NX89098

3 September 1982

Mrs M. B. Strawhan
3/139 Trainor Street
MT ISA QLD 4825

Dear Mrs Strawhan,

1. I refer to your Statutory Declaration of 11 August 1982, concerning John Edward Wright's medal entitlement.
2. Regulations require the ex-member's written authorisation before issue can be effected.
3. Upon receipt of such authorisation I shall be pleased to reconsider your request.

Yours sincerely,



(G.J. DOOLAN)
for Commanding Officer

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
STATUTORY DECLARATION

1. MARIA BLANCHE STRAWHAN (NEE WRIGHT) JOHN EDWARD WRIGHT
(Name in Full)

of 3/139 TRAINOR ST. MT ISA QLD 4825.
(Address in Full)

do solemnly and sincerely declare :-

1. THAT I served in the Australian Commonwealth Forces and my particulars were as follows :-
Official Number: NX89098 Rank: PRIVATE Unit: 9TH DIVISION

2. THAT I have lost the MEDALS WHERE NEVER COLLECTED.
issued to me by the Department of
Navy
Army
Air Force

3. THAT the circumstances under which the said loss occurred are as under :-

How :

When : Where :

4. THAT to the best of my knowledge the said

..... is/are not in the hands of any person on my behalf or with my consent.
AND I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act 1911 - 1922, conscientiously believing the statement contained therein to be true in every particular.

Signature of Person making declaration :

Declared at : Angar House the 11th day
of August 1982 before me :

Signature of J.P. or
Commissioner of Declarations :

Doreen N. Rash J.P. of New South Wales

NOTE: Any person who willfully makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration is guilty of an indictable offence, and is liable to imprisonment with or without hard labour, for four years.

HERE INSERT:

1. Place and date of birth: HAY. N.S.W. 3.5.41 (required for identification purposes only).

2. NAME and ADDRESS and relationship of next-of-kin on enlistment : DAUGHTER.

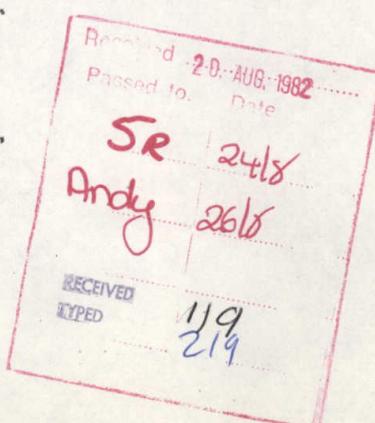
MARIA BLANCHE STRAWHAN, 3/139 TRAINOR ST. MT. ISA. QLD 4825.

On completion, please forward to relevant Records Office, as under, *not* to State H.Q. Branch.

ARMY: O.I.C., Central Army Records Office, 366 St. Kilda Road,
Melbourne, Vic., 3000.

NAVY: O.I.C., R.A.N. Records Office, Department of Defence,
Canberra, A.C.T., 2600.

AIR FORCE: O.I.C., R.A.A.F. Records Office, Department of Defence,
Canberra, A.C.T., 2600.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ATTESTATION FORM

FOR SPECIAL FORCES RAISED FOR SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA OR ABROAD

Army No. NX 89098

Surname WRIGHT.
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Other Names

JOHN EDWARD.

Unit 18 T.B.

Enlisted for service at CARRATHOOL.

(Place)

N.S.W.

(State) 22nd JANUARY 1942 (Date)B 103 Copy
Index Card

CHECKED	DATE	INTL
D. 1	A.A. Form A.200 (Revised July, 1940)	
Mob. 2	✓	24
Mob. 3	✓	24

A

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

1. What is your name? Surname WRIGHT.
Other names JOHN EDWARD.
(BLOCK CAPITALS)
2. Where were you born? In or near the town of HAY.
in the state or country of N.S.W.
3. Are you a natural born ~~or naturalised~~ British Subject? If the latter, papers are to be produced. YES 3 NB.
4. What is your age and date of birth? 28 YRS. 22 OCT. 1913.
5. What is your trade or occupation? STATION HAND.
6. Are you married, single or widower? MARRIED. 3
7. Give details of previous Military Service. A.M.F. Recruitling Depot Rank. Unit.
8. If now serving, give particulars. OTHER MILITARY SERVICE.
9. 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). Address TEAN MARGARET WRIGHT.
CARRATHOOL. N.S.W.
10. What is your permanent address? Relationship WIFE.
CARRATHOOL. N.S.W.
11. What is your religious denomination? (Answer optional). PRESBYTERIAN.
12. Have you ever been convicted by a civil court? No.

I, John Edward Wright, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true and that I am willing to serve in the Australian Military Forces within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

Witnessed by R. J. Bonowar - (Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer)

J. Wright

(Signature)

* 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 certify the above-named person to be fit for Class 1.

Temporarily unfit.
Unfit.

Class one
J. Wright Seager
J. M. Bonowar. 16.2.42

(Signature)

C

OATH OF ENLISTMENT †

I, John Edward Wright, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord, the King, in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia until the cessation of the present time of war and twelve months thereafter or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed or removed, and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained, and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So Help Me God

Signature of Person Enlisted

X J. Wright

Subscribed at Paddington in the State of New South Wales on the day of February 1942.

this 18th day of February 1942.

Signature of Attesting Officer

Edgar Hamer
Hamer

† Persons who object to take an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Defence Act.
In such case the above form will be amended accordingly and initialed by the Attesting Officer.

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MINOR VINTAGE PRINTS

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PART A—Compiled by Unit:**A / PROCEEDINGS FOR DISCHARGE.**A.A.F. A. 102.
(Introduced July, 1945)

Discharge Authority	<i>Yours AG 8644</i>
Reason for Discharge	<i>AMR & O 253A(1) (N)</i>
State in which discharge desired— Normally State in which member's home is situated.	<i>Tenns. 191</i>

2/28 AUST INF BN

Unit

Army No. **NX 99098**Rank **Private**Surname **WRIGHT**

(Block Letters)

PART B—Personal details—compiled by Unit:1. Home address **CARRATHOOL.** *M. S. W.*Date commenced F.T.D. **18/2/42** Date of Birth **22/10/13****State whether:—**Married, single,
divorced, widow
or widower. *Married* Under 16 yrs. *2* 16 yrs. & over *1***2. Present Description of Soldier:—**Age **33** yrs. **10** months
Height **5 ft 7 ins.** Eyes **BLUE**
Complexion **Fair** Hair **BROWN****3. Operational Service:—**(a) Overseas area
of service **Borneo** Embarked from Aust. **23/4/45** Disembarked in Aust. **15/11/46****4. Non-effective Service:—**

(b) N.T. (North of Par. 14½° Sth.) or Torres St. Is.:—

At **At** From **To**

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A / PROCEEDINGS FOR DISCHARGE.A.A.F. A. 102.
(Introduced July, 1945)**PART D—Compiled by Ech. & Rec.:**5. Details for Certificate of Discharge No. **40 5933**Unit (for discharge purposes) **AIR RUST. M/S BO.**Served on continuous **2/2** to **29/11/44**from **2/1/42** to **2/11/44**from **/ / /** to **/ / /**for a Total Effective Period* of **1/1/42** days, which includedActive Service in Australia **1/1/42** days andActive Service O/S Australia† **2/7/44** days and **2/11/44**

Decorations and Awards‡ during that Service:

War Badge **1938-72** and Badge RegisterClass and No. **A 238272** and Discharged from theconfirmed vide Schedule No. **NNNN 1942** to take effecton and from **29/11/44**Place **Woolmer** SignatureDate **/ / /** Officer i/c **Whitfield** Ech. and Rec.6. Details compiled by **A.A.F. A. 101** written by **checked by**Entered Discharge Certificate Register **1**A.A.F. A. 131 obtained by **Entered "Wills"**

Register

PART E—To be signed by Soldier on discharge:

7. I hereby acknowledge receipt of:

(a) Certificate of Discharge No. **40 5933**

(b) Army Form A.131 purporting to contain my Will.

(c) War Badge No. **A 238272** and Signature of Soldier **John W. Wright**Place **John W. Wright** Signature of Witness **John W. Wright**

* "Effective Period" means the period of service, less any consecutive 21 days

† Australia means the mainland of Australia and Tasmania.

‡ Does not include War Medals

PART C—Compiled by Ech. and Rec.:

4. Non-effective Service:*

Part B compiled by:—

Date **10/11/44**(Officer's signature and rank) *John W. Wright*

Part C compiled by:—

Date **29/11/44**(Officer's signature and rank) *John W. Wright*

DETERMINATION OF DEMOBILIZATION PRIORITY

DEMOB. INDICATOR	
N	M

A. ARMY NO.NX 89098..... RANK Pte..... UNIT 2728 ALIST INF BNSURNAME WRIGHT.OTHER NAMES JOHN. FOWARD.Date of Commencement of Full War Time War Service 18/2/42 Age at commencement of Full Time War Service 31. years.

B. ASSESSMENT OF NORMAL PRIORITY.

1. Length of Service in months X 2 (males) or X 1 (females)
 2. Age at enlistment in years X 2 (males) or X 3 (females)
 3. Dependency Status (males only)—one point for each month of Service
- Total (Normal Priority) 191

Points
86
62
43
191

4. Dependency Status (females only)—insert "A" }
5. Marriage (females only) —insert "B" }

6. Records and assessment checked.

Date 12 Nov 457. I desire discharge in the State of N.S.W.

8. I intend to apply—

- * (i) For service in the Permanent Military Forces.
- * (ii) For service throughout the Demob. period.

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

Signature. _____ Date. _____

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

John Wright
Major
D.A.A.C. (R & M)
H.Q. N.S.W. L. of C Arms

John Wright
28 Dec 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.—Accorded only to members on whose behalf an 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) Applicant for Permanent Military Forces.

*Strike out where appropriate.

Authority _____

NAME *Wright, J. E.* No. *NX89098*Address *Carathool, N.S.W.* 7

1	1939/45 STAR	CIDA2	X
2	AFRICA STAR		
3	„ with 1st Clasp		
4	„ with 8th Clasp		
5	ATLANTIC STAR		
6	A.C. EUROPE STAR		
7	ITALY STAR		
8	FRANCE & G. STAR		
9	PACIFIC STAR		X
10	BURMA STAR		
11	DEFENCE MEDAL		
12	WAR MEDAL		X
13	A.S.M.		X
14			

Recorder *W.H.S*Checker *W.H.S***AWARDS WITHHELD**

Serials:

REASON:

AUTHORITY:*2190/95*

Packer

Despatcher

TO WHOM DESPATCHEDReg'd Parcel No. *(1)* SEN 2371/97 DATE *28.1.97***RECEIPT**Serials *Sig.*

AHQ Press—3443—9/46—710m DATE

A.A.F. A200
Addendum Sheet
(Issued March, 1941)

To be gummed on A. A. Form, A.200 after question 12.

13. Have you any of the following Educational Qualifications ?
If so which ?

{ 1. Certificate for Entry to Secondary School.....
2. Intermediate.....
3. Leaving.....
4. Leaving Honors.....
5. Technical.....
6. University Degrees.....
.7 Other Diplomas.....

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REPORT		Record of all casualties, promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, etc., for effectives of my wounds, admissions to and discharge from Hospital, Casualty Clearing Stations, etc., Date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including furlough, etc.)		Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority W.3011, B.2069, or other Document	Signature of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
Date	From whom received						
21. 9. 43	1st Lt	Arrt from 234th Inf. B. Det 20/ conduct to the prejudice of field order and	21. 9. 43	That	Pl. 2/69 Ave		
"	"	Military discipline: award: 14 days detention] 20. 8. 43	5th	R. 2/11 Ave			
21. 9. 43	O.R.	EMBARKED "N. Amsterdam" for the Left Area	21/9/43	Premantle 9/6 53/42	A206		
29 OCT 1943	F.D. REGT.	for opn Catt Sd 54851 of 10/9/43.	27 SEP 1943	Sydney RIO 54443 MG			
23 NOV 1943	do	DETAINED NSW L/C AREA	19 NOV 1943	Woolloomooloo 6/6 63/43			
		TRANS TO TAUST INF TRG BD					
		to Cochran N.S.W. L of C Area	Lieut. Records Office				
		Marched in by 8/9 August 1943	1/10/43	Almond West			
		Offence (1): disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer	22.12.43				
		" (1)	22.12.43				
		Offence (2): Armed pvt by CO 25 A/I B evacuated 17 ACH (Infected ft below)	27.1.44				
		March 77 ACH + R40 A Unit	23.12.43				
		MO do find 2nd Regt (A/I B)	27.1.44				
		M/I Tr Ex 25 A.I. F.B.	24-3-44	Canungra	A232.		
		infmed to 2/28 Quad Inf Bn	5/4/44		A232		
		+ 05 Jan 2/27 B	9-5-44	do	do		
		Granted preference pay	13/5/44	13/5/44	do		
		18/8/44	13/6/44	do	do		

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SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

Continuation Sheet to A.F. B.103-1.

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REPORT		From whom received	Date	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 furlough, &c.).	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Initials of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
3. 7. 44	21 CCS.	Board N Ausd CCS by H. Elbow r/t 6 X 1942	23/7/45	3. 7. 44	Qan	W 3034	Catt
10. 7. 44	"	Disch 21 Ausd CCS to unit (Cecil R. H. Gray)	23/7/45	10. 7. 44	"	"	Catt
15. 7. 44	728 Bn	205 from 21 Ausd CCS	23/7/45	10. 7. 44	"	W 3011	Catt
11. 8. 44	428 Bn	Officer: Conduct to the prejudice of road crew and Military discipline	10. 8. 44	10. 8. 44	Qan	Boesg pg 006	Off
		Award: Board 25 by 20 228 Bn	23/8/42	23/10. 11/44	Qan		
		Gallia is passed exigir due 78					
11. 10. 44	228 Bn	Officer proficiency pay	8/808	23. 10. 44	Qan	W 3011	
15. 6. 45	228 Bn	Granted leave in per "General Abbae"	23. 4. 45			W 3011	
		Disembarked Shiootai 20 "Nestor" per	17/2/48	1. 5. 45	Net	5/48	Off
16. 7. 45	V.	Embarked Shiootai 20 "Nestor" per service in British Army Boxes	21/7/45	1. 6. 45	Ran	W 3011	Off
25. 6. 45	228 Bn	Boarded in action	21/3/49	21. 6. 45	Bunei Bay	23/1/49	Off
21. 6. 45	21/08	Evac off and fled (ASW neck) & trans to "X" dest	23/3/49	21. 6. 45		23/1/49	Off
26. 6. 45	✓	Evac 211 Ausr fled to 215 AGH (AG) 23/4/45	23/3/49	21. 6. 45	Monocai	23/4/49	Off
28. 6. 45	✓	Evac 215 AGH to 113 A.C.P.	23/4/49	2. 8. 45		23/4/49	Off
15. 9. 45	113 ACD	Disch 113 Ausr Com Depot to 1st Div 2nd Area Details	23/4/49				
		Depot					
		Embarked at Monocai per "manoera" for service in Brutish North Borneo					
29. 9. 45	228 Bn	Embarked at Monocai per "manoera" for service in Brutish North Borneo	27/4/51	27. 9. 45		A 206	

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SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

Continuation Sheet to A.F. B.103—1.

A.F. B. 103.-2 (Adapted)

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TRADE ALLOWANCE.

PAY OF TRADES

Tradesmen are NOT entitled to trade pay upon enlistment.
Upon passing the prescribed trade test, they are available for selection to fill vacancies which may occur in their trade group in the