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IMPORTANT

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Commission from Sealed
"A" BRANCH
CLASS OF RESERVE
Nature of Commission *CAD*

NAME IN FULL *PHILIP P. Gilbert Edward*
DATE OF BIRTH *23.9.04.*
Marital State *married*

Name, relation, and address of next of kin
*Mr. Margaret Phillips (wife)
9 Gutter Lane, New Darling Pt, NSW*

Civil trade or profession *merchant*
Previous professional or trade experience *Packman.*

Religion *C of E.*

EXAMINATIONS PASSED.

Result.

Authority.

Nature.

Rank.

Date.

Branch.

Gazette No. and Date.

Routine Orders and Date.

GRADUATION.

Date.

Authority.

ORDERS, DECORATIONS, MEDALS, including mention in despatches.

Date.

Authority.

Air Cadet

Pilot Officer

Flying Officer

Flight Lieutenant

Squadron Leader

Wing Commander

Group Captain

Air Commodore

Unit or Service.

From.

To.

Nature of Appointment.

Appointment.

From.

To.

Remarks.

DETAILS OF APPOINTMENTS HELD IN R.A.A.F.

Person.

From.

To.

Remarks.

DETAILS OF APPOINTMENTS HELD PRIOR TO R.A.A.F. (including active service).

POSTINGS.

Date.

Authority.

Result.

Nature.

From.

To.

Authority.

Result.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.—Special Courses, &c.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, CERTIFICATES, Etc.

Service Toward Leave to Count

From.

To.

Authority.

Result.

From.

To.

Authority.

Result.

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To.

Reason.	Class.	Date.	Authority.	Remarks.	Address.
Appointment permanent force terminated	..	18/9/29	220-P 29/29	Cof. A. Jay. 94/29	
Appointment citizen force terminated	..	18/9/29	220-P 29/29	Cof. A. Jay. 94/29	
Appointment to reserve	..	18/9/29	220-P 29/29	Cof. A. Jay. 94/29	
Appointment to reserve terminated	..				
Transferred to retired list	..				

CASUALTIES.

Movements.	Attachments.	Seconded.
Transferred from Reserve to Active List 17/2/40. 22/4/41. Called up. under A.F.R. 1145. as P.T. Specialist 17.12.40. P 1/41.		
Appointment Specialist. Terminated at own request 24/2/45. P 491 2/2. GAZ 18/45.		

Pay.	From	To	Authority.

ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM HOSPITALS.

Authority.

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ENCLOSURE 1359A

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RAAF.231/11/74(1359A)

Dear Sir,

A Certificate of Service covering the period you were an officer in the Royal Australian Air Force is forwarded herewith.

It is requested that you sign and return the attached form of receipt.

Yours faithfully,

✓
Dr. G.H. Phillips,
131 Macquarie Street,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Encl.

(M.C. Langslow)
SECRETARY

Watto 8/0
Post Dec 3

No. 1306

PHILLIPS

Gilbert Edward

1456

Medical (Part-time)

1st July, 1938

Flight Lieutenant

Flight Lieutenant

Squadron Leader

Nil

24th February, 1945

At own request

Nil

May, 1945

Group Captain,
for

NOTE: Squadron Leader Phillips was transferred to the Reserve on 13.9.1939 and was recalled to the Active List on 16.12.1940.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

RECORD OF SERVICE - OFFICER

GH.

EXTRACT FROM FORM P/P 24 & P/P 25.

REF. NO. BPX.10484 R.733

RANK: S/LDR. NAME: Gilbert Edward PHILLIPS NUMBER: 1456

DATE OF BIRTH: 23rd September, 1904.

DATE OF APPOINTMENT
TO FLIGHT LIEUTENANT: 1st July, 1938.

NATURE OF SERVICE: Appointed to a Commission in the Medical Branch
Permanent Air Force w.e.f. 1st July, 1938.
Transferred to the R.A.A.F. Reserve w.e.f. 13th
September, 1939. Called up for Part Time
Special duties in the Medical Branch Citizen
Air Force w.e.f. 17th December, 1940.

PROMOTIONS: T/S/LDR. 17.12.40.

POSTINGS &
MOVEMENTS: No.22 Squadron, Richmond 1. 7.38.
S.HQ's Richmond 4. 9.39.
Transferred to the R.A.A.F. Reserve 13. 9.39.
HQ's Central Area, Sydney 27.12.40.
HQ's No. 2 Training Group, Wagga 2. 8.41.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

HONOURS & AWARDS: Nil.

DATE OF TERMINATION
OF APPOINTMENT: Appointment as Part Time Specialist terminated
"At Own Request" w.e.f. 24th February, 1945.

CERTIFIED: That the above is a true and correct statement
of the service of the abovenamed officer, who
in World War 11, has not served outside
Australia, and has not served for a period of
three months or more in the Northern Territory
north of parallel 14.5° south latitude, between
19th February, 1942 and 12th November, 1943.

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S/L. G. PHILLIPS

CHARMICHAELE
by Bryant Reed

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Medical Directorate,
Albert Park Barracks.

26th April, 1945.

Mrs. C.H. Phillips,
"Harley,"
143 Macquarie St.,
SYDNEY.

Dear Madam,

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th inst., with a Statutory Declaration enclosed.

It is regretted that the request for further deferment of the call up of Dr. Tripp for service with the R.A.A.F. cannot be granted. He, like all other medically fit young doctors is liable for military service, and no private arrangement or undertaking can have any bearing on the matter.

Since the beginning of the war the Services have endeavoured to ensure through the various State Medical Co-ordination Committees, that, in calling up young doctors for service, the essential work of public hospitals was not interfered with. For this reason the call up of Dr. Tripp from the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital has already been deferred considerably beyond the usual time. Any further deferment to enable him to engage in private practice would not only be unfair to many other young doctors, but could not be justified on any reasonable grounds.

It is assumed that your husband's recent appointment with the British Army is a paid one and his position is not really different to the large number of specialists of various kinds who have since the beginning of the war completely given up their practices to join the Services. In most specialist practices it is impossible to arrange for a locum tenens, and the specialists who have joined the Services - some of them as long ago as 1939 and 1940, will have to establish their practices all over again when they are released from the Service.

In view of the above circumstances it is hoped that you will appreciate that neither your husband nor Dr. Tripp are at any greater disadvantage than a large number of other medical officers who have incurred considerable sacrifices as a result of war service.

Yours faithfully,



Air Vice Marshal,
Director General of Medical Services.

Gilbert Phillips

M.S., F.R.A.C.S.

BW 4567

"Harley"

143 Macquarie Street

Sydney, 19th April 1945.

Air Vice Marshal Hurley, C.B. C.M.G.
Director,
General Medical Services,
R.A.A.F.
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

My husband, Dr. Gilbert Phillips was invited to accept the position of O.C. of a Neurosurgical Unit of the British Army but before accepting that position he made specific arrangements with the appropriate authorities for Dr. Tripp to take the position of his, Dr. Phillips' locum tenens for twelve months. After Dr. Phillips had left Australia these arrangements were repudiated and Dr. Tripp was refused permission to become the locum tenens. The responsibility for dishonouring these arrangements has been side stepped by Dr. Bell and the Medical Co-Ordination Committee and by them thrown on the R.A.A.F. Authorities. This is not only grossly unfair, but it is not the fact, and the stigma must not be allowed to rest on the R.A.A.F. In view of all that Dr. Phillips has done for the Air Force during the past seven years I feel sure that it is not and would not be a party to such repudiations.

I am enclosing herewith my Statutory Declaration of the facts relating to the arrangements made by Dr. Gilbert Phillips and Dr. Tripp to take the position of his locum tenens for twelve months during Dr. Phillips' absence abroad; arrangements that were made before Dr. Phillips accepted the position of O.C. of a Neurosurgical Unit of the British Army.

The position is extremely serious, not only for Dr. Phillips' patients but also for myself and my children and as Dr. Bell has stated the matter is beyond his control and it rests with the Air Force to say whether the arrangements which my husband made before he left Australia to take up the position with the British Army are to be honoured and Dr. Tripp released, I would ask you to give this matter your personal and favourable consideration.

Refusal to give Dr. Tripp his release

19.4. 45.

means that my husband's medical practice must be abandoned as he, having accepted the position abovementioned with the British Army, cannot now withdraw from that position and I am unable to protect his professional practice.

Under the circumstances, I would ask you to allow the agreement entered into with Dr. Tripp to be carried out.

Yours faithfully,

C. N. Phillips

C. N. PHILLIPS.

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STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, NGARITA PHILLIPS of No. 9 Sutherland Crescent Darling Point Sydney in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that:-

1. I am the wife of Gilbert Phillips, Medical Practitioner and am also his Attorney under Power of Attorney during his absence from Australia.
2. Dr. Gilbert Phillips has for many years continued his medical profession at "Harley" 143 Macquarie Street Sydney and has established an important, responsible and extensive practice.
3. Early in December 1944 Dr. Phillips was approached by Captain Wright of the United Kingdom Liaison Staff regarding an appointment to the British Army as O.C. of a Neurosurgical Unit and asked whether he, Dr. Phillips, would accept that position.
4. After consideration and conferences with myself, Dr. Phillips informed Captain Wright that he would accept the position with the British Army provided he, Dr. Phillips, could:
 - (a) Obtain his release from the R.A.A.F. in which he was serving and had continuously served as Part-Time Medical Consultant since the outbreak of war; prior to which time Dr. Phillips was attached to the Citizens' Air Force.
 - (b) Obtain his release from the Honorary Staff of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.
 - (c) Obtain the approval of the Medical Co-ordination Committee to cease practice in Sydney and leave Australia.
 - (d) Make the necessary arrangements for the continuation of his medical practice and carry out his obligations to and otherwise safeguard his patients by the appointment of a locum tenens, which arrangement was also imperative as Dr. Phillips has six (6) dependents, namely his mother, his wife and his four children, all of the children being under the age of thirteen (13) years.
5. Dr. Phillips then consulted Dr. Herbert Schlink, Chairman of the Board of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and informed him of the proposal to go to London, Dr. Phillips to be released from the

Honorary Staff of that Hospital and Dr. Tripp's services to be retained as Hon. Clinical Assistant in Dr. Phillips' place. Dr. Schlink said he would make enquiries. Dr. Phillips also consulted Professor Dew, Deane of the Faculty of Medicine who agreed to Dr. Phillips' release and the appointment of Dr. Tripp as Hon. Clinical Assistant and informed Dr. Bell that Dr. Tripp was neuro-surgically essential. Dr. Schlink having made his enquiry wrote to Dr. Bell, Chairman of the Medical Co-Ordination Committee on the 23rd January as follows:-

"Dr. Gilbert Phillips informs me that he has been requested to proceed to London at once. He consulted me as Chairman of the Board of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital to ascertain whether he could be released from his routine duties. I have made full enquiries from my Executive Officers and find that arrangements can be made to carry on without his services for the duration of the war and will accordingly recommend his release at the next meeting of the House Committee.

I feel confident that they will approve of his release if the Medical Co-ordination Committee will allow the retention of Dr. Tripp's services."

6. The selection of a locum tenens required very careful consideration and eventually Dr. Phillips selected Dr. J.R. Tripp to carry on the surgical side of his profession. Dr. Tripp was a resident of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and had during the past two (2) years assisted Dr. Phillips in his work at that hospital. Dr. Phillips also arranged for Dr. Geoffrey Trahair to attend to the psychiatric side of his practice and Dr. Lister Reid as a consultant in surgical cases.

7. The abovementioned doctors having expressed their willingness to act in the capacities mentioned, during Dr. Phillips' absence, it became necessary for Dr. Phillips to make arrangements whereby Dr. Tripp would be free to take over his, Dr. Phillips', practice and at the same time act in the capacity of Hon. Clinical Assistant on the staff of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, and for this purpose it was necessary to obtain:

- (a) Dr. Tripp's release from the residential staff of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Certain correspondence passed, Dr. Tripp tendered his resignation from the resident's staff of that hospital and his resignation was accepted.

- (b) To obtain from the Medical Co-Ordination Committee Dr. Tripp's release from full time service to the R.A.A.F. as otherwise Dr. Tripp would, after obtaining his release from the Hospital be required to serve in the R.A.A.F.

Dr. Phillips interviewed Dr. Bell of the Co-Ordination Committee and was assured by him that Dr. Tripp would be available for civilian work for a further period of twelve (12) months. This period was mentioned and was satisfactory to Dr. Phillips as he felt that in view of the then position on all the fighting fronts the war would be over within twelve months. Dr. Phillips then gave Dr. Tripp a reference recommending him as Part-Time Consultant to the R.A.A.F.

- (c) The appointment of Dr. Tripp as Hon. Clinical Assistant on the staff of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and in this respect Dr. Phillips conducted certain interviews and was given to understand that the Board of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital would make this appointment and this appointment has been made subject to the permission of the Medical Co-Ordination Committee.

8. In view of the assurances given Dr. Phillips that Dr. Tripp would for the next twelve (12) months be free to take up civilian practice and therefore accept the position of locum tenens for Dr. Phillips, he, Dr. Phillips, accepted the position of O.C. of a Neurosurgical Unit in the British Army and thereupon entered into the necessary agreement with Dr. Tripp relative to the latter taking over and conducting Dr. Phillips' medical practice in Sydney. The original of this agreement is held by Messrs. Laurence & Laurence Solicitors. Dr. Phillips at the same time entered into the necessary arrangements with Dr. Geoffrey Trahair and Dr. Lister Reid.

9. Dr. Phillips left Australia on 23rd February 1945 and four days later Dr. Tripp had an interview with Dr. Bell of the Medical Co-Ordination Committee who had told Dr. Phillips that Dr. Tripp would be available for civilian work for the next twelve (12) months.

10. I am informed that at this meeting between Dr. Bell and Dr.

Tripp, Dr. Bell is understood to have said:-

- (a) Nobody had consulted him regarding Dr. Tripp leaving the Hospital.
- (b) Dr. Phillips had not requested that Dr. Tripp be allowed to take over the civilian practice or in any way that he be released from service for a further year except that he be kept on at the hospital in Dr. Phillips' place for another year.
- (c) First thing he had heard about Dr. Tripp's proposing to leave the Hospital was from the Air Force; and
- (d) The committee had already decided that Dr. Tripp would not be allowed to leave Royal Prince Alfred Hospital but that his representations would be placed before the committee.

The above alledged statements by Dr. Bell should be compared with the information conveyed to Dr. Bell by the letter he received from Dr. Schlink referred to in Paragraph 5 of this declaration.

11. As a result of the above statements by Dr. Bell I was immediately informed by Dr. Tripp that the written agreement he had entered into with Dr. Phillips could not be carried out.

12. On the 6th March last I, in company with Senator Arnold interviewed Dr. Bell. At that interview I stated what I knew to be the facts of the matter and the definite arrangements made by Dr. Phillips before he left Australia for the release of Dr. Tripp to take up civilian practice and the position of locum tenens of Dr. Phillips. During this interview Dr. Bell said:

- (a) That Dr. Phillips' arrangements came as a complete surprise to him and that he had no knowledge from Dr. Phillips of the arrangements he had made regarding his practice.
- (b) What can I do? It is the Air Force who has Dr. Tripp now. It is beyond my control.

13. On the 8th March, two (2) days after the abovementioned interview with Dr. Bell I received a letter from the Medical Co-Ordination Committee per Dr. Bell stating that the Committee regretted that it could not see its way clear to recommending Dr. Tripp's release from the R.A.A.F.

14. I cabled Dr. Phillips at length and in detail reporting the position as it had developed and in reply received a cable from Dr.

Phillips dated 21st March 1945 which omitting formal parts reads as follows:-

"SCHLINK'S LETTER TO BELL APPROVED MY RELEASE IF TRIPP AVAILABLE DEW AGREED AND INFORMED BELL TRIPP NEURO-SURGICALLY ESSENTIAL ON MY RELEASE PRINCE ALFRED BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTED TRIPP HON. CLINICAL ASSISTANT. BELL TOLD ME TRIPP AVAILABLE CIVILIAN WORK FURTHER TWELVE MONTHS. SHOW DR. BELL THIS CABLE"

15. On the 27th March last I, in company with Senator Arnold again interviewed Dr. Bell and produced the cable above set out. Dr. Bell stated that he would show this cable to the Medical Co-Ordination Committee at its next meeting which was to take place on the next day viz. on the 28th day of March last and the decision of that meeting was conveyed to me by letter dated the 9th of April inst. from the Secretary of the Committee ~~whic~~omitting formal parts is as follows:-

N.S.W. MEDICAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE.

9th April, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Phillips,

It is desired to inform you that following your interview with Dr. Bell a copy of the Beam Wireless Communication received by you from your husband Dr. Gilbert Phillips was placed before the New South Wales Medical Co-Ordination Committee at its meeting held 28th March 1945 when the following resolutions were passed:-

- (1) That the previous decisions of the Committee at its Meeting held 28th February and 2nd March 1945 be re-affirmed and that Mrs. Phillips be notified that Dr. Tripp will be called up by the R.A.A.F. and that the matter is out of the hands of the New South Wales Medical Co-Ordination Committee.
- (2) That Mrs. Phillips be informed that no undertaking had been given by Dr. Bell to Dr. Phillips that Dr. Tripp could carry on his private practice.

(Signed) A.N. McINTOSH.

AND I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1900.

DECLARED at Sydney

this 21st Twenty-first
day of April One thousand
nine hundred and forty-
five BEFORE ME:

Egareta Phillips

Chad Jones

A Justice of the Peace.

DATED *Twenty first* April 1945.

STATUTORY
DECLARATION

- of -

NGARITA PHILLIPS.

Declared : *21st* April 1945.

LAURENCE & LAURENCE,
Solicitors,
44 Martin Place,
SYDNEY.