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# ATTESTATION FORM.

FOR SPECIAL FORCES RAISED FOR SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA OR ABROAD.

Army No. V 215408 VX 102523  
 Surname BRAY (BLOCK CAPITALS) Other Names JOHN DENIS  
 Unit 13<sup>th</sup> Aust. Armoured Regiment  
 Enlisted for service at Gherang (Place)  
Victoria (State) 6<sup>th</sup> July 1942 (Date)

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

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|---|---|
| <p>1. What is your name? .....</p> <p>2. Where were you born? .....</p> <p>3. Are you a natural born or a naturalized British Subject? If the latter, papers are to be produced ....</p> <p>4. What is your age and date of birth? .....</p> <p>5. What is your trade or occupation? .....</p> <p>6. Are you married, single or widower? .....</p> <p>7. Give details of previous Military Service .....</p> <p>8. If now serving, give particulars ....</p> <p>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.) ....</p> <p>10. What is your permanent address? .....</p> <p>11. What is your religious denomination? (Answer optional.) ....</p> <p>12. Have you ever been convicted by a civil court? .....</p> <p>13. Have you any of the following Educational Qualifications? If so, which? .....</p> | <p>1. Surname <u>BRAY</u> (BLOCK CAPITALS)<br/>Other names <u>JOHN DENIS</u></p> <p>2. In or near the town of <u>Malvern</u><br/>in the State or country of <u>Victoria</u></p> <p>3. <u>Natural born</u></p> <p>4. Age <u>26</u><br/>Date of Birth <u>11 - 1 - 1916</u></p> <p>5. <u>clock</u></p> <p>6. <u>Married</u></p> <p>7. A.M.F. No. <u>V 215408</u> Rank <u>TROOPER</u> Unit <u>13<sup>th</sup> Aust. Arm. Reg.</u><br/>OTHER MILITARY SERVICE .....</p> <p>8. No. .... Rank .... Unit .....</p> <p>9. Name <u>WIFE. Gladys Bray</u><br/>Address <u>Fourth Street</u><br/><u>Mentone</u><br/>Relationship <u>WIFE</u></p> <p>10. <u>Fourth Street</u><br/><u>Mentone</u></p> <p>11. <u>Catholic</u></p> <p>12. <u>NO.</u></p> <p>1. Certificate for Entry to Secondary School .....</p> <p>2. Intermediate <u>YES.</u></p> <p>3. Leaving .....</p> <p>4. Leaving Honours .....</p> <p>5. Technical <u>Junior + Intermediate Cert.</u></p> <p>6. University Degrees .....</p> <p>7. Other Diplomas .....</p> |
|---|---|

I, John Denis Bray 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 [Signature] (Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer) [Signature] (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 \_\_\_\_\_ Temporarily unfit.  
Unfit

(Signature)

**C** OATH OF ENLISTMENT †

I, John Denis Bray 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 [Signature]  
 Subscribed at UCKAPUNYAL in the State of Vic.  
 this FIRST day of SEPT 1942  
 Before me—  
 Signature of Attesting Officer [Signature]

† 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.

**PROCEEDINGS FOR DISCHARGE.**

**PART A—Compiled by Unit:**

Discharge Authority <i>15 APR 1945 19173719-10 445</i>
Reason for Discharge <i>AMR &amp; O 253A(1)(1) Special Demit</i>
State in which discharge desired—Normally State in which member's home is situated. <i>Vic</i>

Unit <sup>2</sup> *AUST. MED. REGT. A.I.F.* Army No. *VX 102523* Rank *F/BDR*  
Other Names *JOHN DENIS* Surname *BRAY* (Block Letters)  
16 NOV 1945

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

1. Home address *FOURTH ST. MENTONE*

Date commenced F.T.D. *8/11/42* Date of Birth *11/1/16*  
*VICTORIA*

State whether:—  
Married, single, divorced, widow *MARRIED*  
or widower  
No. of Dependents in respect of whom dependant's allowance is being paid:—  
Under 16 yrs. *2* 16 yrs. & over *1*

2. Present Description of Soldier:—  
Age *29* yrs. months  
Height *5 ft 9 in.* Eyes *HAZEL*  
Complexion *FRESH* Hair *BROWN*  
Marks/Scars

Trade Group in which employed  
3. Operational Service:—  
(a) Overseas area of service Embarked from Aust. Disembarked in Aust.  
Date / / From / / To / /  
(b) N.T. (North of Par. 143° Sth.) or Torres St. Is. At / /

Part B compiled by:—  
Date *1/10/45* (Officer's signature and rank)  
Degree of Disability %  
Authenticating Signature  
Date / /  
For Echelon Use:—  
*A1*

**PART D—Compiled by Ech. & Rec.:**

5. Details for Certificate of Discharge No. *306780*  
Unit (for discharge purposes) *as above*  
Served on continuous Full Time War Service in the *A.I.F.* from *8/11/41* to *28 NOV 1945*  
*29/1/40* to *1/1/41*  
for a Total Effective Period\* of *133* days, which included  
Active Service in Australia *132* days and *1317* days  
Active Service O/S Australia days  
Decorations and Awards† during that Service:

War Badge Class and No. Entered Badge Register  
Discharged from the *A.I.F.* and discharge confirmed vide Schedule No. *VN967* on and from *28 NOV 1945* to take effect  
Place *898/505* Signature *[Signature]* Ech. and Rec. Date / / Officer's/c  
6. Details compiled by checked by  
A.A.F. A.101 written by entered "Wills" Register  
Entered Discharge Certificate Register

**PART E—To be signed by Soldier on discharge:**

7. I hereby acknowledge receipt of:  
(a) Certificate of Discharge No. *306780*  
(b) Army Form A.131 purporting to contain my Will.  
(c) War Badge No. *306780*  
Date *1/10/45* Signature of Soldier *[Signature]*  
Place *[Signature]* Signature of Witness *[Signature]*

\* "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	178

A. ARMY NO. VX 102523 RANK L/BOB UNIT 2<sup>nd</sup> AUST. MED. REGT. AIF  
 SURNAME BRAY  
 OTHER NAMES JOHN DENIS  
 Date of Commencement of Full War Time Service 8/11/42 Age at commencement of Full Time War Service 26 years.

**B. ASSESSMENT OF NORMAL PRIORITY.**

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. Length of Service in months <u>42</u> X 2 (males) or X 1 (females) . . . . . | Points                             |
| 2. Age at enlistment in years <u>26</u> X 2 (males) or X 3 (females) . . . . .  | <u>92</u> <u>84</u>                |
| 3. Dependency Status (males only)—one point for each month of Service . . . . . | <u>53</u>                          |
| 4. Dependency Status (females only)—insert "A" } . . . . .                      | <u>46</u> <u>42</u>                |
| 5. Marriage (females only) —insert "B" } . . . . .                              | <u>150</u> <u>178</u>              |
| 6. Records and assessment checked.  | Total (Normal Priority) <u>150</u> |

Date 4-10-45 VICTORIA Signature of Officer [Signature]  
 7. I desire discharge in the State of \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. I intend to apply—  
 \* (i) For service in the Permanent Military Forces. Date 4-10-45  
 \* (ii) For service throughout the Demob. period. [Signature] Signature of Member.

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

\* Not to be retained  
 \* ~~To be retained~~ (see instructions).  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**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.  
**DEPENDANCY 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.  
 (iii) Service throughout Demob. period—voluntary.  
 (iv) Services essential—Retained until \_\_\_\_\_

For Badge application see Army Number.....

FEMALE RELATIVES BADGE.  
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B. MOTHER'S and WIDOW'S BADGE and for STAR (Issued).

ARMY NUMBER.....  
VX 102523

For Badge application see Army Number.....  
VX 45969

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY  
 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL COPY WHICH IS BEING KEPT IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COMMANDER AND THAT I AM NOT PROVIDING THE ORIGINAL TO ANY OTHER OFFICER.

COMPLETED

**COPY AND CASUALTY FORM**  
 2 Aust. Med. Regt. 13 A. and Regt.

A.F. B.103-1 (Adapted)  
 Y 213408  
 Y X 102523

Unit 13 A. and Regt.  
 Surname **BRAY** (Block Capitals)

Christian Names **DOWN DENIS**

Place **REC RES: Parkdale**

Date of Enlistment **7.1.42**

Trade or Occupation **CLERK**

Relationship **WIFE**

Marital Condition **MARRIED**  
 Next of Kin **GLADYS BRAY**  
 Address of Next of Kin **FOURTH ST. MENTONE**

Medical Classification **Class I**  
 (On Enlistment) **Class H**

*1122  
 1000  
 2000*

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS SPACE.

REPORT		Medical Classification—Class I	Identification—Colour of Hair	Eyes
Date	From whom received	(On Enlistment)	Distinctive Marks	
5.4.42	REC CAMP	17/42/27	6.4.42	C. Bred
14.4.42	5 AM. REGT	52/42/C10	10.4.42	R. VILLE 28011 74/42
11.8.42	"	110/42/C10	8.8.42	PUCKA
5.9.42	"	121/42/C10	9.4.42	"
1.9.42	"	120/42/C10	8.4.42	"
12.12.42	"	168/42/C10	30.11.42	"
12.12.42	"	165/42/C10	11.12.42	"
16.1.43	"	8/43/C10	31.12.42	"
25. MAR 1943	13 HAR	N.F.O.	2.8. MAR 1943	3 MP
24.5.43	13 A.A.R.	Det. for duty to 2 Aust. Army. Bk. of shops.	23.5.43	9. K. of C. W. 3011. 42
9.9.43	"	Rep. unit from above detachment	28.5.43	"
23.9.43	"	Attending 2 Aust. Army. Det. W.O.'s & Sgt. School	24.9.43	"

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BRAY J.D

REPORT

Date	From whom received	Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, etc., forfeiture of pay, wounds, accidents, admission to and discharge from Hospital, Casualty Clearing Stations, etc., Date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including for-leave, &c.).	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority W.3011, E.2069, or other Document	Initials of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
25.10.43	130000	Taken on strength from above school	23.10.43	Q.L. of C.	W.3011	AW
5/3/44	"	Reverted to drafts	4/3/44	"	"	gdt
5/3/44	"	W/o to 8 Coy 6 BSB for pay to try & dispatch to 1 Aust Coy Infy Bde	5/3/44	"	"	gdt
4-3-44	500700	W/in ex Unit for reactor	4/3/44	"	801/5256	JF
9-3-44	"	W/out to 1 A 17 Bde. W/O	9-3-44	"	1722/5705	JF
16.3.44	102880	W/in in 1st Bde. <u>W/O</u>	15.3.44	Neubeko	805/4257	JF
1-6-44	"	W/O to 1 Aust Coy. Centre f.u. Qld. New 01	20-5-44	1810	" P47	JF
30.5.44	4 ARSB	W/in from 1 Aust Infy Bde.	30.5.44	Banning	A232	OP
4.9.44	"	W/out to 5 Aust ARD	4.9.44	"	A232	OP
10.9.44	50000	W/in from 13 Aust Pers Stg Camp	10.9.44	Sellheim	W.3011	JF
20.10.44	50000	W/out to 2 Aust Med Regt (F)	20.10.44	"	W.3011	JF
16.11.44	50000	W/out to 1st Aust Med Regt (F)	14.11.44	Stand	W.3011	JF
6.12.44	"	W/out to 1st Aust Med Regt (F)	6.12.44	"	W.3011	JF
16.12.44	"	W/out to 1st Aust Med Regt (F)	9.12.44	"	W.3011	JF

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for O. I/c. Records

NSW L of C Area Records Office  
 W. Allen  
 69/44  
 108/44  
 44/44  
 53/44  
 1092720/44  
 1/2969/44  
 1/65/44

A.H.M.-3/42-B1841

# SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

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

2 Aust. Med. Regt.

1802(2) VX102523

Lt. J. B. Bray

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

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REPORT		Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, etc., forfeiture of pay, wounds, accidents, admission to and discharge from Hospital, Casualty Clearing Stations, etc., Date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including furlough, &c.).	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority W. 2011, B. 2009, or other Document	Initials of Officer Correcting or of Entries
Date	From whom received					
12.2.45	2007000000	Transfer Proficiency Pay	14.11.45	O'land	2007000000	2007
19.2.45	"	Qualified as 1st Lt. 1st Bn. 2nd Div.	9.12.45	"	2007000000	2007
19.4.45	"	Regimental pay course. 1st Lt. 1st Bn. 2nd Div.	15.4.45	"	2007000000	2007
21.5.45	2/2 A.B.H.	Wounded at Bk. (Paid)	21.5.45	"	2007000000	2007
22.5.45	"	Wounded. 1st Lt. 1st Bn. 2nd Div.	21.5.45	"	2007000000	2007
24.5.45	1900000000	Wounded. 1st Lt. 1st Bn. 2nd Div.	21.5.45	"	2007000000	2007
24.5.45	2007000000	Wounded. 1st Lt. 1st Bn. 2nd Div.	21.5.45	"	2007000000	2007
23.5.45	2/2 A.B.H.	Wounded. 1st Lt. 1st Bn. 2nd Div.	21.5.45	"	2007000000	2007
24.5.45	2/1 AED	Wounded. 1st Lt. 1st Bn. 2nd Div.	21.5.45	"	2007000000	2007
24.5.45	1 ACRE	Wounded. 1st Lt. 1st Bn. 2nd Div.	21.5.45	"	2007000000	2007
24.5.45	2007000000	Wounded. 1st Lt. 1st Bn. 2nd Div.	21.5.45	"	2007000000	2007
21.5.45	"	Wounded. 1st Lt. 1st Bn. 2nd Div.	21.5.45	"	2007000000	2007
19.10.45	"	Wounded. 1st Lt. 1st Bn. 2nd Div.	19.10.45	"	2007000000	2007
24.10.45	"	Wounded. 1st Lt. 1st Bn. 2nd Div.	24.10.45	"	2007000000	2007
15.11.45	"	Wounded. 1st Lt. 1st Bn. 2nd Div.	15.11.45	"	2007000000	2007
1.11.45	Dist. Off.	Wounded. 1st Lt. 1st Bn. 2nd Div.	1.11.45	"	2007000000	2007
2.11.45	"	Wounded. 1st Lt. 1st Bn. 2nd Div.	2.11.45	"	2007000000	2007

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BRAY J.D.

8. W. 20th 8/44

# SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

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

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

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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 furlough, &c.).	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority W.3011, B.2069, or other Document	Initials of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
Date	From whom received					
15-11-45	LTD Co	M/O to Dial Hqs	15-11-45	h/c	11073	SS
16-11-45	Dial Hqs	M/O from LTD Co to M/O Hqs/V12	16-11-45	Next	11073	SS
"	"	M/O to AMF & Royal Depo LTD Co/Hqs/V12	16-11-45	"	"	SS
28-11-45	AME r/p	M/IN LTD VIC EX M/IN AMF DISCH DEPOT VIC, EX 1st YB VIC	28-11-45	1/c	932c	A
1/12/45.	AMF DD	Discharged AMF & O. 2531 P 1244 N9 R/O 6746/AC39	28/11/45	Royal Pk	PK 9678	S
		<b>DECEASED</b> 13.1.1988 V/c VA Death List Jan 88				



AUSTRALIAN

MILITARY FORCES.

M. F.

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. V915408, Surname BRAY, Unit RECREATION RESERVE, Enlisted for war service at Parkdale Victoria (State) -7 JAN 1942 (Date)

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

1. What is your name? ... 2. Where were you born? ... 3. Are you a British Subject? ... 4. What is your age and date of birth? ... 5. (a) What is your normal trade or occupation? ... (b) Present occupation? ... 6. (a) Are you married, single or widower? ... (b) If married state date of marriage? ... 7. (a) Have you had previous naval, military or Air Force service ... (b) What was the reason for your discharge? ... 8. Who is your actual next of kin? ... 9. What is your permanent address? ... 10. What is your religious denomination? ... 11. Which, if any, of the following Educational Qualifications do you possess? ... 12. Have you ever been convicted by a Civil Court? ...

I, John Denis Bray, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true. Witnessed by [Signature] (Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer.) [Signature] 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 Acts.

**B**  
**MEDICAL EXAMINATION**

I have made full and careful examination of the abovenamed person in accordance with the instructions contained in the Standing Orders for Australian Army Medical Services. In my opinion he is—\*

- 1. Fit for Class I.
- 2. Temporarily unfit for Class I † I. Hummer 8/1/42
- 3. Fit for Class II. M. O'Connell
- 4. Temporarily unfit for Class II †
- 5. Unfit for military service †

Place DRILL HALL, FRANKSTON Date 7.1.42

Signature of Examining Medical Officer M. O'Connell CAPT

\* Classifications which are inapplicable to be struck out. † Reasons for unfitness to be stated.

**C**  
**OATH OF ENLISTMENT †**

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.

I, John Denis Bray swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord, the King, in the Citizen Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia for the duration of the present time of war, and for a period of ~~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 J. Bray  
**DRILL HALL RECREATION RESERVE**

Subscribed at PARKDALE in the State of VICTORIA  
this Seventh day of January 1942

Before me—  
Signature of Attesting Officer H. S. McCall MENT

† 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 initialled by the Attesting Officer.