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# ATTESTATION FORM.

FOR SPECIAL FORCES RAISED FOR SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA OR ABROAD.

Army No. ~~VXM 36588~~ ~~VX1036588~~ **VX82888**  
 Surname **HOCKING** (BLOCK CAPITALS) Other Names **GORDON CHARLES**  
 Unit **46 Aust. Inf. Bn.**  
 Enlisted for service at **on the Fleet** (Place)  
 (State) **25 July 42** (Date)

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

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. What is your name? — — — — —  | 1. Surname <b>HOCKING</b><br>(BLOCK CAPITALS)   |
| 2. Where were you born? — — — — —  | Other names <b>Gordon Charles</b>   |
| 3. Are you a natural born or a naturalized British Subject?<br>If the latter, papers are to be produced — — — — —  | 2. In or near the town of <b>Albert Park</b><br>in the State or country of <b>Victoria (Australia)</b>    |
| 4. What is your age and date of birth? — — — — —   | 3. <b>yes</b>   |
| 5. What is your trade or occupation? — — — — —   | 4. Age <b>22</b><br>Date of Birth <b>August 12<sup>th</sup> 1919</b>                                      |
| 6. Are you married, single or widower? — — — — —   | 5. <b>Electrical builder</b>  |
| 7. Give details of previous Military Service — — — — —   | 6. <b>Single</b>  |
| 8. If now serving, give particulars — — — — —  | 7. A.M.F.—<br>No. <del>VXM 36588</del> Rank <del>Cpl</del> Unit <del>46<sup>th</sup> Bn</del>             |
| 9. Who is your actual next of kin? (Order of relationship:—<br>wife, eldest son, eldest daughter, father, mother, eldest<br>brother, eldest sister, eldest half-brother, eldest<br>half-sister.) | OTHER MILITARY SERVICE<br>No. Rank Unit   |
| 10. What is your permanent address? — — — — —  | 8. No. <b>V36588</b> Rank <b>Cpl</b> Unit <b>46<sup>th</sup> Bn</b>                                       |
| 11. What is your religious denomination? (Answer optional.)  | 9. Name <b>Mr Joseph Charles Hocking</b><br>Address <b>57 Sherwood Ave Helmsda</b><br><b>315 Victoria</b> |
| 12. Have you ever been convicted by a civil court? — — — — —   | Relationship <b>Father</b>  |
| 13. Have you any of the following Educational Qualifications?<br>If so, which? — — — — —   | 10. <b>57 Sherwood Ave Helmsda</b><br><b>315 Victoria</b>   |
|  | 11. <b>Methodist</b>  |
|  | 12. <b>no</b>   |

I, **Gordon Charles Hocking**, 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) **G. C. Hocking** (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..... Temporary unfit.  
Unfit

(Signature)

**C OATH OF ENLISTMENT †**

I, **Gordon Charles Hocking**, 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 **G. C. Hocking**

Subscribed at **in the field** in the State of **Victoria**

this **28<sup>th</sup>** day of **July** 19**42**

Before me— **[Signature]**

Signature of Attesting Officer

† 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.** 2 - APR 1946

*Officer for disposal 293326*

**PART A**—Compiled by Unit:

Discharge Authority	AMR G O 253A(1) (N)
Reason for Discharge	
State in which discharge desired—Normally State in which member's home is situated.	VIC.

Unit *A.T.D. SYN. COMD. HUT 10. 82888.* Army No. *82888.* Rank *CTL.*

Other Names *GORDON, CHARLES.* Surname *HOCKING* (Block Letters)

**PART D**—Compiled by Ech. & Rec.:

5. Details for Certificate of Discharge No. *504858*  
 Unit (for discharge purposes) *605 Aust Light B.A.*  
 Served on continuous Full Time War Service in the *loop*  
*CME* from *18/12/41* to *24/7/42*  
*AIF* from *25/7/42* to *9 APR 1946*  
 for a Total Effective Period\* of *1574* days, which included  
 Active Service in Australia† *1106* days and  
 Active Service O/S Australia† *351* days  
 Decorations and Awards‡ during that Service:  
*1101*  
*351*

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

1. Home address *57 SHERWOOD AVE. CHELSEA VIC.*  
 Date commenced F.T.D. *18/12/41* Date of Birth *12/8/1919*  
 State whether:—  
 Married, single, divorced, widow  
 or widower *SINGLE* Under 16 yrs. *16* yrs. & over

Medical Cases Only AMR & O 253A(1) (d)	
Disability:—	
Degree of Disability	%
Authenticating Signature	
Date	
For Echelon Use:—	<i>A1</i>

2. Present Description of Soldier:—  
 Age *26* yrs. *7* months  
 Height *5* ft. *10* ins. Eyes *BLUE*  
 Complexion *FAIR* Hair *BROWN*  
 Marks/Scars *SCARS RT. THIGH.*  
 Trade Group in which employed *TRAFF*  
 3. Operational Service:—  
 (a) Overseas area of service from Aust. *NEW GUINEA 22/8/42 8/8/44* Embarked *6* in Aust. Disembarked *8/8/44*  
 (b) N.T. (North of Par. 143° Sth.) or Torres St. Is.:—  
 At *1/1/43* From *1/1/43* To *1/1/43*  
 Part B compiled by:—  
 Date *1/1/46* (Officer's signature and rank)

**PART C**—Compiled by Ech. and Rec.:

4. Non-effective Service:\*

War Badge *AS 211745* Entered Badge Register *10/2/46*  
 Discharged from the *AIF* and discharge confirmed vide Schedule No. *11975* to take effect on and from *9 APR 1946*  
 Place *per* Signature *[Signature]*  
 Date *9 APR 1946* Officer i/c *per* Ech. and Rec.  
 Details compiled by *[Signature]* checked by *[Signature]*  
 Entered Discharge Certificate Register  
 A.A.F. A.131 obtained by *[Signature]* Entered 'Wills' Register  
**PART E**—To be signed by Soldier on discharge:  
 7. I hereby acknowledge receipt of:  
 (a) Certificate of Discharge No. *504858*  
 (b) Army Form A.131 purporting to contain my Will.  
 (c) War Badge No. *211745*  
 Date *9 APR 1946* Signature of Soldier *[Signature]*  
 Place *ROYAL PALS* 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.

5 APR 1946

DETERMINATION OF DEMOBILIZATION PRIORITY

DEMOB. INDICATOR	
V	N 136

A. ARMY NO. V 82888 RANK CPL UNIT A.I.T.D. 5TH. COMD. HUT 20.  
 SURNAME HOEKING  
 OTHER NAMES BORDON, CHARLES

Date of Commencement of Full Time War Service 15/12/41 Age at commencement of Full Time War Service 21 years.

B. ASSESSMENT OF NORMAL PRIORITY.

- |   |                |                                    |
|---|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Length of Service in months  | X 2 (males) or | Points                             |
| 2. Age at enlistment in years   | X 2 (males) or | 94                                 |
| 3. Dependency Status (males only)—one point for each month of Service | X 3 (females)  | 42                                 |
|   |                | Total (Normal Priority) <u>136</u> |

4. Dependency Status (females only)—insert "A"  
 5. Marriage (females only) —insert "B"  
 6. Records and assessment checked  
 Date 28/3/46 Class  
 Signature of Officer [Signature]

7. I desire discharge in the State of VICTORIA  
 8. I intend to apply—  
 \* (i) For service in the Permanent Military Forces.  
 \* (ii) For service throughout the Demob. period.  
 Date 28/3/46 Signature of Member [Signature]  
 Signature of Commanding Officer or Representative of Service [Signature]  
 Date

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

Div. 3  
 Nat. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ed. Qual. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Camp Date SEPT.  
 Pref. Army

M. F. N. R. Lodged YES  
 " " A.A. Form Mob. 1 NO  
 C. of A. Lodged YES  
 " " " NO  
 N. R. " OBJ.  
 C. of A. " OBJ.

AUSTRALIAN  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. V 36588  
 Surname HOCKING (BLOCK CAPITALS) Christian Names Gordon Charles  
 Unit 46 Bn.  
 Enlisted for war service at Area 46 B Frankston (Place)  
Victoria (State) 22-8-40 (Date)

A

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

1. What is your name? .. .. . { 1. Surname HOCKING  
(BLOCK LETTERS)  
 Other names Gordon Charles
2. Where were you born? .. .. . { 2. In or near the town of Albert Park  
 in the state or country of Victoria
3. Are you a British Subject? .. .. . 3. N.B.B.S
4. What is your age and date of birth? .. .. . { 4. Age ✓  
 Date of Birth 12/8/19
5. What is your trade or occupation? .. .. . 5. Electrical Cultivator
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 Hocking Joseph Charles  
 Address 57 Sherwood Ave  
Chelsea  
 Relationship Walter
9. What is your permanent address? .. .. . { 9. 57 Sherwood Ave  
Chelsea
10. What is your religious denomination? (This question need not be answered if the man has a conscientious objection to doing so) .. .. . 10. C of E

I, Gordon Charles Hocking do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true.

Witnessed by H. S. McCallister G. C. Hocking  
(Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer) 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 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. *Super D1 V.S. Smith-L.*
2. ~~Temporarily unfit for Class I.†~~
3. ~~Fit for Class II.~~
4. ~~Temporarily unfit for Class II.†~~
5. ~~Unfit for military service†~~

Place *Parkdale* Date *26/4/40*

Signature of Examining Medical Officer \_\_\_\_\_

\*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 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.

**1.** *Gordon Charles Hocking* 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 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 *G. C. Hocking*

Subscribed at *DRILL HALL, FRANKSTON* in the State of *VICTORIA*

this *Twentysecond* day of *August* 19*40*

Before me  
Signature of Attesting Officer *H. S. McColl. Hunt*

‡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.

SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

Rank: A/Sgt  
 Grade: 6PRD  
 Christian Names: Gordon Charles  
 Surname: HOCKING  
 (Block Capitals)

Marital Condition: Single  
 Next of Kin: Joseph Charles Hocking  
 Address of Next of Kin: 57 Sherwood Av.  
 Chelsea  
 Relationship: Father

Date of Enlistment: 26.4.40  
 Place: Parkdale  
 Date of Birth: 12.8.19  
 Place of Birth: Albert Park  
 Trade or Occupation: Mess. Butler  
 Religion: C of E

Medical Classification - Class I, Class II  
 (On Enlistment)  
 Identification - Colour of Hair: Black  
 Distinctive Marks: 25" scar R thigh  
 Eyes: Grey

REPORT		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				
29.10.41	46 Am	31-1-41	Seymour	R06141	A/O.
20.12.41	"	2.8.41	Brighton	R02141	R/Opie
20.3.42	"	30.10.41	Bongilla	W3011	R/Opie
15.3.42	"	18.12.41	"	W3011	R/Opie
16.3.42	"	20.3.42	"	A206	R/Opie
1.4.42	"	13.3.42	Bongilla	W3011	R/Opie
26.3.42	"	15.3.42	M.D.	"	R/Opie
		26.3.42	"	"	RSR
		26.3.42	"	18045	

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, &c. Date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including furlough, &c.).

Terms from 14 Am  
 Leave 2 Aug - 30 Oct 41  
 Marched out camp being Comp.  
 called up F.T.D. and marched in  
 Entrained 1 M.D.  
 AWL from 0600 hrs.  
 Regd from AWL 0600 hrs.  
 Prom 1 Sept.  
 AWL from 2359 hrs 12/3/42 to 0600 hrs 15/3/42.  
 Furlough 4-6-42

EXAMINED BY: [Signature] DATE: 7.5.42  
 for Officer in Charge District Records Office  
 Southern Command, 3rd M. D.



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	Signature of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
Date	From whom received					
20.7.42	40 Bn	40/41/8.27	29.6.42	IMD.	RO.	[Signature]
25.7.42	46 Bn.	47/47/8.27	13.7.42	IMD.	RO.	[Signature]
31.7.42		48A/48/8.27	31.7.42	JMD.	RO.	[Signature]
16.11.42	46 Bn.	41/42/8.27	12.11.42	IMD	W.3011-588	[Signature]
10.12.42	114 LAR Regt	3/47	10.12.42	Q. hope.	H. 3011	[Signature]
8.2.43		5/328/43	6.2.43	-	-	[Signature]
1.3.43		8/493/43	16.2.43	-	-	[Signature]
27.2.43	Perf. Ach. Mchoni.	15/989	27.2.43	-	memo	[Signature]
13.8.43	114 LAR Regt	1/1502/43	13.8.43	-	W3011-115	[Signature]
22.8.43	605 Lt AIA Co	8/743	"	-	"	[Signature]
1.9.43	Acob	2/43	22.8.43	8 M D.	A 206	[Signature]
6.12.43			1.9.43	Memor Bay	"	[Signature]
			13.11.43	Memor Bay	W3011-588	[Signature]

Det. 2/12 Bn.  
 Reg from 2/12 Bn.  
 Change of Army No - Enlisted AIF.  
 Transf. out to 114 LAR Regiment  
 Recn Leave 17 days Excl. New Zone.  
 Attending P.R.T. board No. S.28 Mchoni  
 Reg from - - -  
 Qualifying P.R.T. Lee No. S.28 from 6.2.43  
 to 76.2.43  
 Transf to 605<sup>th</sup> Co. A.A. Tp.  
 TAKEN ON STRENGTH from 116 Unit Lt. AIA. Reg.  
 DISBARRED at Brisbane L.S.T. 18  
 MISBARRED at Milne Bay.  
 Investigating Officer appointed under  
 App. 43 reported as follows:  
 1. Mr. Hooking received a lacerated  
 wound to hand (skin deep) while  
 cutting wood on 5.11.43.  
 2. Officer Hooking was on duty at the  
 time of the accident  
 3. The injury is not likely to cause  
 permanent ill effects or to impair  
 the members future efficiency and  
 conduct.  
 4. The injury was not caused by negligent  
 or carelessness on the part of the  
 member or any other person

SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

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

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ASgt  
Sgt. Hocking G.C.

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, 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					
18.12.43	605 AITA	Rank of Bar confirmed 1944	1.9.43	8th D.	W3011	DN
5.5.44	2/7 A.G.H.	Evac. to 2/7 A.G.H. & trans. to 4th Det (P.W.O.) 5/13/44	4.5.44	✓	3034/3420	SEH.
26.5.44	112 A.C.D.	Evac. 2/7 A.G.H. to 112 A.C.D. (Malaria h.t. & Inf. Hepatitis) 6/15/44	26.5.44	✓	3034	SEH.
6.6.44	✓	Disch. 112 A.C.D. to D.D. hse 6/16/44	6.6.44	✓	✓	SEH.
7.6.44	D.D. hse	W/out from D.D. hse to unit 6/16/44	6.6.44	✓	319/48722	SEH.
7.6.44	605 AITA	W/out from D.D. hse & struck off x list 6/14/44	6.6.44	✓	3011/15	SEH.
10.10.44	605 Jb.	Officer Lt. Col. Crumpton				
25 OCT 1944	605 Jb.	Emb. Crumpton at hse 28.7.44 Disemb. Newcastle 6.8.44	6.8.44		MSNL of 2010201/1033/	W3011
28.10.44	1 AUST BASE DEPOT PER	TFD. OUT TO 1 AUST BASE DEP Personnel King 27.10.44	27.10.44		Ro 11284/44	W3011
14.11.44	"	TAKEN ON HOLDING STRENGTH x 605 Aust (1 AITA) 27.10.44	27.10.44		Ro 5116758/1033	W3011
12.11.44	32 A.1TBn	W/out to 32 A.1TBn. (Bon 265)	11.11.44		Ro 1122652/11205/1033	W3011
12.11.44	"	W/out from 1 Aust Base Depot Pers 1. 12.11.44	12.11.44		Ro 112602/1033	W3011
12.11.44	"	W/out to 16 Aust. Inf. Trng. Bn. 12.11.44	12.11.44		Ro 7579134/1033	W3011
6.12.44	16 AITBn	W/out from 32 A.1TBn	12.11.44	✓	W3011	W3011
2.1.45	"	W/out to 2 Aust Inf Spec Gp.	30.12.44		W3011	W3011
30.12.1944	2 AUST. INF. SPEC. Gp.	Marched in from 2 Aust Inf Spec Gp.	30 DEC 1944	✓	W3011	W3011
5 FEB 1945	1	Marched out to 16 AUST. INF. TRNG. BN.	3 FEB 1945	✓	164331/45	W3011
3.2.45	16 AITBn	W/out from 2 Aust Inf Spec Gp.	3.2.45	✓	Ro 11995/45	W3011

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Date	From whom received					
4.5.45	BAITON	Memo to HQ Australian Central (JWO) Pld L of C Area of RFL Dtd 18.2.46	4.5.45	NSW	A232 RFL HQ W.3011/45	[Signature]
5.5.45	4000000000	Memo from 26 A.I.T. Co 17/6/45 HQ 2015 (M)	8.5.45	Lamunga	A232/13 A232	[Signature]
6.11.45	HQ 2015 (M)	14/45 3/46 17/10 to 1st Lt J. G. H. Singleton Promoted Pilot	6.11.45		A232/69 RFL 201/12	[Signature]
12.2.46			19.12.45		Memo 59	[Signature]
28.2.46	Officer		28.2.46			[Signature]
2.2.46	School		2.2.46	NSW	W.3011	[Signature]
6.4.46	RFL HQ		6.4.46	NSW	W.3012	[Signature]

Discharged A.R.M.O. 253 A. R184 (N) 9/4/46 vic

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