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**Title:** GISLINGHAM ROBERT ARTHUR : Service Number - VX12918 : Date of birth - 13 Apr 1908 : Place of birth - RICHMOND VIC : Place of enlistment - CAULFIELD VIC : Next of Kin - GISLINGHAM ELLEN

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MILITARY FORCES

## ATTESTATION FORM

M.F.

FOR SPECIAL FORCES RAISED FOR SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA OR ABROAD.

Army No. VX 2918

Surname GISLINGHAM (BLOCK CAPITALS) Other Names Robert Arthur

Unit .....

Enlisted for service at AREA 5. DRILL HALL (Place)  
MOORE STREET,  
Victoria SOUTH MELBOURNE, S.C.A (State) (Date)

## A

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

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. What is your name?   | 1. Surname <u>GISLINGHAM</u><br>(BLOCK LETTERS)  |
|   | Other names <u>Robert Arthur</u>   |
| 2. Where were you born?   | 2. In or near the town of <u>Richmond</u><br>in the state or country of <u>Vic.</u>                                    |
| 3. Are you a natural born or a naturalized British Subject? If the latter, papers are to be produced  | 3. <u>British</u>  |
| 4. What is your age and date of birth?  | 4. Age <u>32 yrs</u><br>Date of Birth <u>13-4-1908</u>   |
| 5. What is your trade or occupation?  | 5. <u>Truck Driver</u>   |
| 6. Are you married, single or widower?  | 6. <u>Married</u>  |
| 7. Have you previously served on active service? If so, where and in what arm?  | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   |
| 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 <u>Mrs Ellen Gishingham</u><br>Address <u>70 Commercial Rd</u><br><u>Traralgon</u><br>Relationship <u>Wife</u> |
| 9. What is your permanent address?  | 9. <u>70 Commercial Rd.</u><br><u>Traralgon</u>  |
| 10. What is your religious denomination? (This question need not be answered if the man has a conscientious objection to doing so)  | 10. <u>RC</u>  |

I, Robert Arthur Gishingham 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)

R.A. Gishingham  
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.



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**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†
- 3. Unfit for military service‡

Place Morisset St Marys Date 9/4/40  
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer [Signature]

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

**C**  
**OATH OF ENLISTMENT‡**

**I**, Robert Arthur Goshingham 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 R Goshingham  
 Subscribed at Carlfield in the State of Victoria  
 this 25 APR 1940 day of April 19

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.



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SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

Unit *Company*

Surname *Gislingham*  
(Block Capitals)

B.122  
F.200  
I.5033

Rank *Pvt.*  
(On Enlistment)

Christian Names *Robert Arthur*

Date of Enlistment *25.4.40*  
Place *Melbourne.*  
Date of Birth *13.4.08.*  
Place of Birth *Richmond, Victoria.*  
Trade or Occupation *Truck Driver.*  
Religion *R.C.*

Marital Condition *Married.*  
Next of Kin *Mrs. Ellen Gislingham*  
*70 Commercial Road,*  
*Prabun.*  
Address of Next of Kin  
Relationship *Wife.*

Identification — Colour of Hair *Brown.* Eyes *Blue.*  
Distinctive Marks *Scar below left eye.*  
Scar *Scar below left eye.*

Medical Classification—Class I.  
Class II.  
(On Enlistment)

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, temporary Clearing Station, etc. Date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including through, etc.).	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority W.3011, B.2069, or other Document	Signature of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
25.4.40	O.C. R. R. D.			Taken on strength R.R.D.	25.4.40	Caulfield.	R.O. 79/38/40.	
15.5.40	" "			Transferred to Eastern Command.	16.5.40	" "	Mob. 3.	
19.5.40	O.C. A. S.C.			Taken on strength x southern Command.	17.5.40	Show Gds.	W3011.	
9.6.40	" "			Marched in from Showgrounds.	3.6.40	Greta.	W3011.	
21.7.40	" "			Granted Pre-emb. leave.	19.7.40	" "	W3011.	
4.8.40	" "			Rejoined Unit x pre-emb leave.	29.7.40	" "	W3011.	
12.8.40	" "			Crime: In that he did create a disturbance in Newcastle Hospital at 1300 hrs 6.8.40.				
30.8.40	" "			Award: 7 days C.B.	6.8.40	" "	B2069.	T.L.M.
30.9.40	" "			Embarked for service abroad	30.8.40	Sydney	A.206.	T.L.M.
24.1.41	C.T.R.			Disembarked. IO 3/372	30.9.40	Walestone.	A206.	T.L.M.
				District Court Martial held at Deir Suneid-----	14.11.40	Deir Suneid.	B2069.	T.L.M.
				Charges.				
				1. Committing a civil offence, that is to say, wounding with intent.				
				2. (Alternative.) Committing a civil offence, that is to say, Assault.				
				SEE OVER.				

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS SPACE



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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				
		Continued.	Withhold	Document Forfeited	Restored
			12		
		14.11.40	REASLI & AUTHORITY	DPS 53095 of 9 Jul 46	
		14.11.40	M. E.	V. Inst.	T.L.M.
		6.6.44	8 bound	3/10/42	
		7.6.44	"	"	
		7.6.44	"	"	
		IX 1	4-8-41		
		4.8.44	the	100/4/323	

Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, etc., forfeiture of pay, wounds, accidents, disabilities, discharges, hospitalizations, etc., and other matters connected with the service of dismemberment and embarrasment from a theatre of war (including thorough, etc.).

Court Martial held at Deir Saneid 14.11.40. Continued.

Charges- Continued.

3. (Alternative). Committing a civil offence, that is to say, Larceny from a person.

4. (Alternative.) Committing a civil offence, that is to say, attempting to steal.

Finding of Court Martial--Guilty on Charge 1.

Not Guilty on charges 2, 3, and 4.

Confirmed by C.O.C. 1 Aust. Corps on 6.12.40.

Date of promulgation in Unit Orders - 17.12.40.

Period in confinement awaiting trial - 30 days.

sentence - 2 Years hard labour. (Imprisonment.)

Extrained at Gaza 12.3.41 ✓ embarked M.E. 23/4/41

Embarked 12.3.41 ✓ embarked for discharge as

SMNR.

by McCarthy. CAPTAIN.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Disembarked to bound.

Arrived S. bound by rail

Restored for return SMNR

Disposal on return "Lo Penbridge goal"

Discharged A.R.M.O. 253 A. R184A ( 6/9/51)

2. Ech

2. 9. 41 R+T

Doc in q. of MISCONOC T VIM 2684

**DECLASSED**  
 REUNGILED  
 DATE 2/1/41  
 3100082  
 VIC VIA Death

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F. E. SMITHELLS Lieut.  
 for Officer in Charge  
 Victoria Echelon and Records  
 NAA: B883, VX12918

NAME GISLINGHAM R.F. No. VX12918

Address Parsons Drive, ...

1	1939/45 STAR	
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	
10	BURMA STAR	
11	DEFENCE MEDAL	
12	WAR MEDAL	
13		
14		

Recorder .....  
Checker 10 .....

**AWARDS WITHHELD**

Serials: 12 .....  
REASON: not .....

**AUTHORITY:** DFC 3/10 .....

Packer .....  
Despatcher .....

TO WHOM DESPATCHED .....

Reg'd Parcel No. .... DATE .....

**RECEIPT**

Serials ..... Sig .....

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HEADQUARTERS: SOUTHERN COMMAND

PROCEEDINGS ON DISCHARGE.

(To be compiled by R.S.T. Camp and forwarded to D.R.O. on completion of Discharge).

1. Sthrn. Command Authy. 69151 Dated 2/5/1941 AIR&O.253. Sec. IX  
 NAME (In full) GISLINGHAM Robert Arthur  
 (Surname block)  
 No. VX 12918 Rank Pte. Unit COMP. TRG. REGT.  
 Cert. of Discharge No. 19879 Widower, Married, Single (Cross out as required.)  
 Discharged at R. S.T. Camp, Caulfield on \_\_\_\_\_ as at 4/8/1941

2. MEDICAL PARTICULARS ON DISCHARGE (To be compiled by examining M.O.)  
 Age 23 3/4 yrs Height 5' 9 3/4" Complexion Tan  
 Eyes Blue Hair Tan Distinctive Marks scar below eye  
small scar lower part L. chin  
 I certify that the soldier named above, on the date of Discharge DID/DID NOT claim or reveal a disability caused or aggravated by War Service. (Strike out DID or DID NOT as applicable). Where such disability was claimed or revealed, the matter has been investigated by a Medical Board.  
SIGNATURE OF EXAMINING M.O.

In cases where the disability has not been investigated the Discharge will be deferred.

3. REASON FOR DISCHARGE His Services no longer required -  
 Total period of Service towards Completion of Engagement 467 Days.  
 Including Service Abroad of 281 Days.  
 Intended Place of Residence after Discharge to which D/C may be posted is -

4. UNIFORM RETURNED \_\_\_\_\_ PLAIN CLOTHES ISSUED \_\_\_\_\_ OR  
DESPATCHED TO Returned BY 1/9/41 ON \_\_\_\_\_

5. CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER ON DISCHARGE.  
 I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my Pay, Allowances, and Clothing, and all just demands, up to the present date, subject to the reservations of the claims noted on the reverse herewith.  
 PLACE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE 1/9/41  
 (Signature of Soldier.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of Witness.) \_\_\_\_\_

6. CONFIRMATION OF DISCHARGE.  
 I have impartially inquired into all matters brought before me in accordance with regulations and hereby confirm the Discharge.  
 Place Melbourne  
 Date 4. 8. 1941  
 (Signature & appointment of Confirming Officer.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Licut Colonel  
 Officer - in - Charge,  
 District Records Office,  
 Southern Command, 3rd M.D.

Discharged in Absentia. ✓  
 Cert. of Discharge placed in personal file.  
 Cert. of Discharge posted to Returned  
 on 1/9/41