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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES

# ATTESTATION FORM

FOR SPECIAL FORCES RAISED FOR SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA OR ABROAD.

Army No. V. X. 2998

Surname MILLS (BLOCK CAPITALS) Other Names Wallace Hickford

Unit Special Force

Enlisted for service at DRILL HALL POWLETT STREET (Place)  
EAST MELBOURNE, C.2

Victoria (State) 4<sup>th</sup> December 1939 (Date)

### A

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

1. What is your name? ... } 1. Surname MILLS  
(BLOCK LETTERS)  
Other names Wallace Hickford
2. Where were you born? ... } 2. In or near the town of Melbourne  
in the state or country of Victoria
3. Are you a natural born or a naturalized British Subject? If the latter, papers are to be produced. ... } 3. Yes
4. What is your age and date of birth? ... } 4. Age 24 years 10 mos  
Date of Birth 7. 1. 1915
5. What is your trade or occupation? ... } 5. Tutor & Turner (Student)
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 Mrs Emma Mills  
Address Healey P. O.  
Sa Prangit  
Relationship Mother
9. What is your permanent address? ... } 9. 18 William St  
Balaclava S2
10. What is your religious denomination? (This question need not be answered if the man has a conscientious objection to doing so) ... } 10. Prespt

3. Wallace Hickford Mills 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] Capt. Wallace H. Mills  
(Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer) Signature  
Attd Officer, A.A.S.C. Recruiting Depot

\* 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.
2. Temporarily unfit for Class I †
3. Unfit for military service †

*I certify that the Classification shown is in agreement with A.A. Form D.1*

Place DRILL HALL POWLETT STREET EAST MELBOURNE, C.2

Date December 1939

Signature of Examining Medical Officer

Shayla Capt.  
Area Officer, A.A.O.C. Recruiting Depot  
† Reasons for unfitness to be stated.

\* Classifications which are inapplicable to be struck out.

**C**  
**OATH OF ENLISTMENT †**

3. Wallace Steekford Mills 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 Wallace H Mills

Subscribed at DRILL HALL POWLETT STREET EAST MELBOURNE, C.2 in the State of Victoria  
this fourth day of December 19 39

Before me—

Signature of Attesting Officer

Shayla Capt.  
Area Officer, A.A.O.C. Recruiting Depot

† 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.



DECEASED

DATE 24.11.43

PLACE Gland

NATURE OF DEATH Injuries acc Recd.

J. M. ...  
Area Officer in Charge  
District Recruiting Office  
Sunderland Command, 3rd M.P.



CERTIFIED TRUE

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IT IS A TRUE COPY AND THAT I AM THE OFFICER HAVING THE CUSTODY OF THE ORIGINAL.

BASE COPY No. 122  
MED. SECT. F. 200  
SERVICES AND CASUALTY FORM

A.F. B.103-1 (Adapted)

Army No. VX2998

Unit 2/1 Fa W'shop

Rank *Private* (or Enlistment) *Private* (or Christian, Names)

Wellese Hickford

Surname

MILLS (Book Captive)

Date of Enlistment 4/12/39  
Place Melbourne  
Date of Birth 7/1/1915  
Place of Birth Melbourne  
Trade or Occupation Fitter & turner (student)  
Religion Presbyterian

Marital Condition Single  
Next of Kin Mrs. Emma Mills  
Address of Next of Kin Kenley P.O. 27 Osborne Avenue via Piengil  
Relationship Mother

Marital Condition Married  
Next of Kin Mrs Faith Jane Mills  
Address of Next of Kin Kenley P.O. 5 Cooragool Road  
Relationship via Piengil  
Relationship Mother

Medical Classification - Class I  
(On Enlistment)

Identification - Colour of Hair Dark Brown  
Eyes Blue  
Distinctive Marks None on Right arm - 1 scar on left

Date	REPORT	
	From whom received	
4/12/39	O.C.D.D.	Taken on strength Showgrounds Depot
9/12/39	2/1 Fa W'shop	Posted from A.A.C. to 2/1 Fa. W'shop
6.2.40	do	Appointed A/CPL.
13.2.40	do	Graded Group II for pay - armourer
1/3/40	C.D. 2/3 Fa W'shop	Attached for Duty 2/3 Fa W'shop
18.5.40	C.O. 2/3	Embarked H.T.X.1
15.7.40	LAD 41	Embarked HMT X1

Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority	Signature of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
4/12/39	Showgrounds	R.C. 11/39	J.C.
18/12/39	Showgrounds	W.3011 2/39	J.C.
12.2.40	do	W.3011 14/40	J.C.
14.12.39	do	W.3011 2/40	J.C.
129.2.40	Yusuburn	W.3011 2/40	J.C.

Major  
O.I.C. District Records Office  
Eastern Command

D. 484/330-0.1785

DECLASED  
17 JUL 1946  
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*1st Lt Moore lost.  
LAD 41  
NO. 1*

7480 3248  
BASE 0881  
M30 0267  
M30 0338

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS SPACE.

REPORT		Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, etc., including the date of admission to and discharge from Hospital, Casualty Clearing Station, etc., Date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including furlough), etc.,	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority W.3011, B.2089, or other Document	Signature of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
Date	From whom received					
25.7.40	21/ A #14	Transferred to L.A.D. #1	27.6.40	Helge Road	W 3011	Seco.
30.7.40	LAD #1	Taken on strength from 21/ A #14	27.6.40	Lidwark	W 3011	Seco.
10.7.40.	"	Appointed to L/Sgt. 280 2/17	8.7.40	"	W 3011	Seco.
15.11.40	Coffin	Embarked H.T. How wife	15.11.40	Beverk	W 3011	Seco.
31.10.41	-	Not of strength of How wife	31.10.41	Med East	W 3011	Seco.
2.1.41	-	Disembarked H.T. L "	31.12.40	Med East	W 3011	Seco.
26.3.41	-	Embarked S.S. Braethdal	28/1760	do	W 3011	Seco.
3.6.41	-	Disembarked in Mid East from Emb 27/2282	3.6.41	"	W 3011	Seco.
20.9.41	-	Promoted Sergeant (A.I.F. command)	20.9.41	"	W 3012	Seco.
23.10.41	do	Embarked "S. Sgt" M.E.	23.10.41	"	W 3012	Seco.
do	do	Disembarked "M.D."	23.10.41	"	W 3012	Seco.
15.6.42	do	Promoted S/Sgt	15.6.42	Central	W 3012	Seco.
25.11.42.	do	Promoted W.I. (A.I.F. 1 Aust Army)	25.11.42	"	W 3012	Seco.
23.11.43	63 Ra Hosp.	Evacuated to 63 Road Station Hospital Seriously	22.11.43	Qld.	A 66/94	M.S.
26.11.43	do.	Ill Liot - Fractured Skull and 1st Lt to X Liot	24.11.43	"	C 4553	M.S.
24.11.43	do.	Died at 700 hr, 24.11.43 of Injuries	24.11.43	"	A 74 6506	M.S.
		Accidentally received	24.11.43	"	W 3012	M.S.
		Buried Sheraton (Qld) Military Cemetery	24.11.43	"	Z 54	M.S.
		Grave A.C. 11	1/44	"		

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VX 2998  
A.F. B.103-2 (Adapted)  
2/41 L.A.D. ad. 3/3 Aust G Regt  
W.O. I MILLS W. H.

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SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM  
Continuation Sheet to A.F. B.103-1.

A. N. 300m 2/43

REPORT		Date	From whom received	Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, etc., for-leave 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.3011, B.2000, or other Document	Initials of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
Date	From whom received							
5. 1. 44	6 Aust Div	5. 1. 44		DEATH - COURT OF INQUIRY Ref 29/2519 Court of Inquiry held 6.12.43 reported that :- 1. VX 2998 W.O. W. Mills W.H. died at 0702 hours, 24. 11. 43 in the 63 American Station Hospital, Gordonsale, as a result of fractured skull, fractured jaw, lacerations of face, fractured right arm, shock, concussion, sustained in a collision between an Army Vehicle of which he was a passenger and a RAAF truck with trailer on the INNISFAH - CARRNS Road approximately 4 miles north of BABINDA, at approximately 1600 hours on 22-11-43 2. W.O. W. Mills was on duty at the time he sustained the said injuries 3. There was no negligence, misconduct or failure to observe any Act, Order or Regulation on the part of W.O. W. Mills or any other person 1/44	6.12.43	O.G.L.O.C.	AR 11/12	Mills
				<b>DECLASSED</b>				
				REFRESHED 7.5.41 M				
				for O. I/c. Records				
				Mills				

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Capt  
Vic. I. of C. Records Office

National Archives of Australia

for Office in Charge  
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# SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

Continuation Sheet to A.F. B.103—1.

H.W. 200m 3/43  
H.W. 200m 3/43

**REPORT**

Date	From whom received	Record of all casualties regarding provisions (sacking, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, pay, etc., 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.2011, B.2069, or other Document	Initials of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries

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NOTES

- (a) Each member of the Military Forces (including members of the A.W.A.S. and A.A.M.W.S) must make a will on the prescribed form unless he or she already has a valid one in existence, in which case the relevant certificate on the form of will must be rendered. See A.M.R. & O. 1410A.
- (b) When a member is in actual military service (that is when a state of war exists and the member has taken some step towards joining the field forces)—
  - (i) he may, whether over or under the age of 21 years, dispose of all his property (including land) by will;
  - (ii) such will need not be witnessed, except where there is a disposition of land situated in South Australia;
  - (iii) alterations made before signing a will should be initialled by the member making the will and the witnesses (if any). If it is desired to alter a will which has been signed a new will must be made and the instructions contained in these Notes followed.
- (c) (i) a witness to a will must not be a beneficiary or the husband or wife of a beneficiary;
- (ii) any person whether mentioned as a beneficiary in the will or not can be appointed an executor of a will. The duty of the executor when probate is granted by the Court is to distribute the property of a deceased member in accordance with the instructions given in the will;
- (iii) should the member desire to leave his or her property to one person the following can be written in the appropriate place "I give all my property to \_\_\_\_\_"  
and if the member desires to leave a legacy as well, the following words can be used "I give £ \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and the remainder of my property to \_\_\_\_\_"
- (iv) normally a will is revoked by marriage and hence a member who marries after making his or her will is required to make a new will. Note, however, that where a member, whose permanent home is in N.S.W., Victoria or Tasmania, has made a valid will which sets out that it is made in contemplation of marriage to a named person and the member marries that person, such marriage will not revoke the will.
- (d) Free legal advice and services are available to members of the Military Forces through the officers and institutions set out in paragraph 7 of G.R.O. A272 of 1943.

A.A.F. A.130.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Dated 7-1-40 19

WILL

of

Wallace Hickford MILLS.

Under A.M.R. & O. 1410A.

19

day of

Dated the

(4) Address of person holding will.

(3) Name of person hereby certify that I have already made a valid will which is held by (3)

(2) Private address, No. Unit

(1) Full name, surname last.

(5) Signature of member.



(The Notes and Certificate on the back should be read before the will form is filled in.)

(1) Full name, surname last. THIS IS THE LAST WILL of me<sup>(1)</sup> Wallace Hickford MILLS.

(2) Private address. No. V.X. 2998 Unit 2/1st A.Pd. W'kshop of<sup>(2)</sup> Kenley Post Office via Piangil

I HEREBY REVOKE all former wills and other testamentary dispositions heretofore made

(3) Set out here full name and address of executor or executors. by me. I APPOINT<sup>(3)</sup> FREDERICK MILLS  
Kenley Post Office via Piangil

executor(s) of this my will.

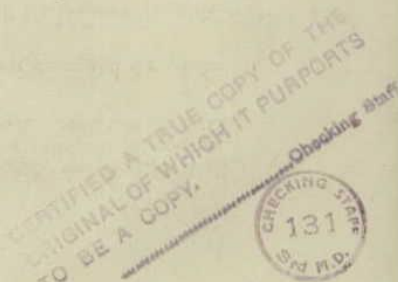
(4) Set out here the names and addresses of the persons to whom you wish to leave your property and how you wish it to be divided or dealt with. I GIVE<sup>(4)</sup> all my property to my wife Edith Jane Mills  
.....  
..... of .....  
..... Kenly Post Office via Piangil. .....

(5) Fill in date. (5)As witness my hand this 7 day of January 1940

(6) Usual signature of person making will. SIGNED by the above-named Testator as and for his (her) last will and testament in the presence of us both present at the same time who at his (her) request in his (her) presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses. (6) Wallace H Mills

(7) Usual signature and address of 1st witness (if necessary). (See back) (7) J. F. Wilson VX2998  
22 Elm Rd., Glen Iris. S.E.6.

(8) Usual signature and address of 2nd witness (if necessary). (See back) (8) T. Rockford.  
124. Victoria Rd. Haw E 3





RECEIVED  
26 JAN 1944  
VIC L OF C AREA  
RECORDS  
Cas.

48/83/49  
5234

SCHEDULE "F"

3rd District Reco.  
48/83/49

Records Office,  
Victoria L. of C. Area,  
281 Lonsdale Street,  
MELBOURNE, C.1.

18th January, 1944

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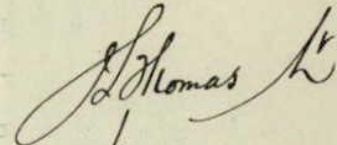
Mrs. E.J. Mills,  
27 Osborne Avenue,  
GLEN IRIS.

Dear Madam,

Forwarded herewith, in response to your application  
.....one..... Certificate of Death No..773.V....in respect  
of the death on War Service of VX2998, W.O.11 W.H. Mills,  
41 L.A.D.

Please complete the subjoined form of receipt and  
return to this office.

Yours faithfully,



Major,

Acting Officer i/c Vic. L. of C. Area Records Office

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----- VX2998 - W.O.11 W.H. Mills -----  
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Received from Officer in Charge Vic. L. of C. Area Records Office  
Certificate of Death No./s.....773.V.....concerning the  
abovenamed.

Dated this...25.....day of ..January..1944

The Officer in Charge,  
Vic. L. of C. Area Records Office  
281 Lonsdale Street,  
MELBOURNE, C.1.

*Edith J. Mills*  
.....  
Signature

5234

*ms*



SCHEDULE "C"

CERTIFICATES OF DEATH

Action Sheet

No. *VX2998* Name (in full) *MILLS, Wallace Dickford*  
Unit *41 L.A.D.* Rank *WO II* Initials

1. Application received & carded. Date *2. 1. 44*
2. Name and address of applicant. *Mr. E. J. Mills  
27 Osbourne Ave Glen Iris.*
3. Number of Certificates required. *1.*
4. Personal particulars verified ~~as~~ above.
5. Date of death checked as *24. 11. 43*
6. Cause of death. *Dist of Injuries accid & rec'd*
7. Notified to next of kin on *26. 11. 43* ✓
8. Routine Order Part II No..... dated .....  
promulgating 5.
9. No previous Certificate issued.  
~~Previous Certificate issued. No/s.~~
10. Certificate/s of Death No/s. *773 9*.....prepared.
11. Covering letter to applicant prepared.
12. Entered in Certificate Register.
13. Entered in Lexicographical Register.
14. Certificate despatched by R. Post No *7746*. Date *19. 1. 44*
15. Reminder/s for rect. despatched.
16. Receipt acknowledged. Date *26. 1. 44*



6 Encl 1/45  
(Address)  
27 Osborne Avenue  
Glen Iris S.F.L

RECEIVED  
MILITARY DISTRICT  
48 81 140  
RECORDS

Officer in Charge,  
Records Office, 281 Lonsdale Street,  
Australian Military Forces,  
MELBOURNE, VIC.

VX 2998  
RX 2998

Dear Sir,  
Re: MILLS Wallace H 2/3 Regt.  
Well Wallace Despatch 41 L.F.D.

Will you kindly forward me a Certificate of Death  
in respect of the abovenamed soldier.

The purpose for which this certificate is required  
is as follows:-

.....Life Assurance.....  
.....  
.....

Yours faithfully,

(Signature) Edith J. G. Gellie  
(Relationship) Widow

Received of [unclear]  
24/11/45  
T 265-11-45

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