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**Department of Veterans' Affairs -
removal of x-rays from series
A13860**

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INTRODUCTION

Under Section 26 of the *Archives Act 1983* a person must not engage in conduct that results in an addition or alteration to a Commonwealth record that has been in existence for more than 25 years unless the addition or alteration takes place with the permission of the Archives or is required by law.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs and the National Archives of Australia have developed this records authority to give permission for the removal of x-rays from series A13860. This series is in the custody of National Archives under the control of the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA). The x-rays were taken to detect tuberculosis.

The x-rays are actively deteriorating. Removing them prevents damage to the rest of the records in the series and mitigates a work health and safety risk created by the deteriorating photographic bases of the x-rays.

APPLICATION OF THIS AUTHORITY

The x-rays on the records in A13860 have been determined temporary records in RDA 583 (1989, last amended 1994). Subsequent records authorities issued to DVA have not replaced the relevant classes in RDA 583, at the time of issue of this records authority. The relevant class is 3.2. As the records cover service during World War II, almost all files will relate to personnel discharged before 30 June 1990.

This records authority does not apply to any dental images. They are explicitly excluded because of their ability to help identify human remains.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For assistance with this authority or for advice on other records management matters, please contact National Archives' Agency Service Centre.

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AUTHORISATION

RECORDS AUTHORITY 2013/00265794

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Purpose:

Authorises arrangements for the alteration of records in accordance with Section 26 of the *Archives Act 1983*

Application:

Removal of x-rays from records in series A13860

This authority gives permission for the alteration of the records described. This authority will apply only with the consent of the agency currently responsible for the business documented in the records described.

Authorised by
David Fricker
Director-General
National Archives of Australia

Date of issue:
14 August 2013

Removal of x-rays on records in series A13860

Class no	Description of records	Disposal action
61428	X-rays on records in series A13860. Excludes dental images.	Remove from file and sentence in accordance with relevant disposal actions See the Application Note for disposal action