

Army service records

The National Archives holds many records relating to Army service personnel, including personnel service records, attestation sheets, National Service records, some wills and pay history cards. The table below sets out where the most significant records about Army service are located.

Boer War service	Access to collection
<p>Attestation papers (Commonwealth forces) – 1901–02</p> <p>Colonial contingents (Queensland and Tasmania) – records include service rolls, pay lists and ledgers, and records of the issue of medals and clasps.</p>	<p>View digital copies of attestation papers (series B4418) on our online collection database.</p> <p>Records are held by the National Archives offices in Canberra (mainly for Queensland contingents) and Hobart (for Tasmanian contingents). Please see <i>Fact sheet 67 – Boer War records</i> to find out more about Boer War records.</p>
World War I and II service	Access to collection
<p>World War I service – 1914–18</p> <p>World War II service (2nd AIF and CMF) – 1939–45</p>	<p>View digital copies of World War I records (series B2455) on our online collection database.</p> <p>Please see <i>Fact sheet 177 - World War I and World War II service records</i> to find out more.</p>
Army service after World War II	Access to collection
<p>Includes records of service for more recent campaigns such as Korea, Malaya and Vietnam.</p> <p>Online databases on the Department of Veteran's Affairs website list all who served in the Korean war and Vietnam War.</p>	<p>Records are still held by the Department of Defence (series B2458) but can be requested through the National Archives. Contact:</p> <p>National Reference Service National Archives of Australia PO Box 4924 KINGSTON ACT 2604</p> <p>Online inquiry form</p> <p>Former members who have questions about their own service record should contact:</p> <p>Defence Archives PO Box 225 QUEENSCLIFF VIC 3225 Email: ADF.records@defence.gov.au</p>

Army personnel records held in Melbourne

The National Archives Melbourne office holds additional records relating to Army personnel service. Many of these are listed overleaf. The records listed under the heading **Australia** cover enlistments for the whole of Australia, while those listed under **Victoria** and **Victoria and New South Wales** refer to enlistments from those states only

Australia

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
<u>Army Militia service records and attestation documents</u>	1901–40	B4747
<u>Permanent Military Forces (PMF) and Army Militia personnel dossiers</u>	1901–70	B4717
<u>Service records and correspondence concerning Australians serving with other Imperial forces during World War I</u>	1914–18	MT1487/1
<u>Wills of deceased members of the Military Forces – World War I</u>	1914–18	MT297/14
<u>First World War munitions workers dossiers</u>	1914–19	MT1139/1
<u>Troopship passenger rolls (arranged by ship) – (a) soldiers and/or dependants who left war zones during World War I; (b) ships routine orders; (c) reports on occurrences during voyages</u>	1914–22	MT1384/1
<u>Registers of issued medals and badges – World War I and World War II</u>	1914–45	MT1384/2
<u>Unit nominal rolls – World War I</u>	1914–22	MT1384/3
<u>Applications to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force</u>	1915–18	MT1486/1
<u>National service personal dossiers</u>	1952–60	MT1128/1

Victoria

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
<u>Wills of deceased members of the Military Forces – World War II</u>	1939–45	MT441/4
<u>Pay ledger and history cards, and allotment ledger cards – World War II</u>	1940–49	MT415/1

Victoria & New South Wales

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
<u>Pay ledger cards of ex-servicemen (returned to Australia) – World War I</u>	1914–20	MT297/1

Pay records

Pay records (sometimes files, but more commonly pay history cards) were maintained by the respective Army Military District, which were divided along state boundaries. Records will normally be held by the National Archives office in the state in which the member enlisted or served. Most records held relate to World War I or World War II service.

Pay records for Victorian and New South Wales enlistments are referred to in the table above. The fact sheets below refer to other holdings of pay records:

- *Fact sheet 36 - Military records of Tasmania*
- *Fact sheet 132 - Army pay files held in Adelaide*
- *Fact sheet 152 - Army and RAAF pay records held in Perth*

For more information

For further information on Army records see:

- *Fact sheet 67 - Boer War records*
- *Fact sheet 134 - Colonial defence personnel records held in Melbourne*
- *Fact sheet 135 - Army administrative records held in Melbourne*
- *Facts sheet 177 - World War I and World War II service records*