

Army and RAAF pay records held in Perth

The Perth Office of the National Archives holds a collection of pay and allotment history records for Western Australian enlistees to the Australian Army and the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). These records can be valuable sources of information for family and military history researchers.

The records relate to service in World War I (Army), World War II (Army and Air Force) and the period since World War II (Army and Air Force).

Army service

World War I

Pay cards for World War I service contain the following information: name, regimental number, date of enlistment, rank, unit, and the ship on which the member departed and returned to Australia. The name of an allottee (ie a person to whom a regular payment was made from the member's earnings) and relationship to the member may also be shown. The records, arranged alphabetically, are held in two series: those who returned and those killed on active service.

World War II

Index cards and pay cards are held for World War II enlistees. The index cards are arranged alphabetically by surname and include name, regimental number, date of enlistment and discharge and unit. As the index extends to 1963, it can also be used to access pay cards for enlistees since World War II.

Pay cards for World War II service are arranged by regimental number (this can be located from the index cards) and show name, date of enlistment, regimental number, rank, and sometimes the name and address of an allottee. The cards are arranged into two categories: members of the 2nd AIF (WX prefix), and non-AIF personnel, including CMF and conscriptees (W prefix). Pay cards for prisoners of war are included.

Service since World War II

Pay cards for Western Australian enlistees since World War II are held for the period 1947–63.

Royal Australian Air Force service

World War II service

Index cards and pay cards are held for RAAF personnel. The index cards are arranged alphabetically by surname and provide only the service number.

Pay cards are arranged by service number (obtained from the index card) and show name, date of enlistment and discharge, service number, rank, signature, and sometimes name and address of the allottee.

Service since World War II

Pay cards for Western Australian enlistees since World War II are held for the period 1948–61. As there is no index to these records they are difficult to access unless the member's service number is known.

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Army – World War I service

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
<u>Pay ledger cards of ex-servicemen (returned to Australia)</u>	1914–20	K1143
<u>Pay ledger cards of ex-servicemen (killed/missing in action)</u>	1914–20	K1144

Army – World War II service

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
<u>Pay history and allotment ledger cards of ex-servicemen who enlisted for active service overseas (WX numbers) [includes prisoners of war]</u>	1939–58	K1152
<u>Name index cards to service documents</u>	1939–48	PP2/7
<u>Pay history and allotment ledger cards of Home Defence personnel (W numbers)</u>	1939–47	PP113/1
<u>Alphabetical register of enlistments for World War II & post-World War II</u>	1946–65	PT302/39

Army – service since World War II

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
<u>Pay history and allotment ledger cards for male personnel who re-enlisted or continued service after World War II</u>	1947–63	K1374

RAAF – World War II service

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
<u>Alphabetical index to pay history and allotment ledger cards</u>	1939–48	PP31/2
<u>Pay history and allotment ledger cards of servicemen who enlisted for World War II</u>	1939–48	PP31/1

RAAF – service since World War II

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
<u>Pay history and allotment ledger cards of servicemen who enlisted post-World War II</u>	1948–61	PP143/1

Further information about service personnel records

The National Archives holds the service records of Australians who served in World War I and World War II in the Australian Army, Royal Australian Air Force and Royal Australian Navy.

You can find service records for servicepersons, by using the National Archives' NameSearch database, available via [RecordSearch](#). You can also order copies of records through RecordSearch.

Alternatively, contact our reference service:

National Reference Service
National Archives of Australia
PO Box 4924
KINGSTON ACT 2604

Fact sheets

For further information relating to holdings of military service pay records see:

- *Fact sheet 36 - Military records held in Hobart*
- *Fact sheet 132 - Army pay files held in Adelaide*

Other fact sheets containing information about military service records are:

Victorian colonial service

- *Fact sheet 134 - Colonial defence personnel records held in Melbourne*

Navy service

- *Fact sheet 30 - Navy service records*
- *Fact sheet 31 - Navy crew and ships records*
- *Fact sheet 138 - Navy service records held in Melbourne*

Army service

- *Fact sheet 67 - Boer War records*
- *Fact sheet 136 - Army service records*

RAAF service

- *Fact sheet 32 - RAAF service records*

Information covering all services

- *Fact sheet 54 - Veterans' case files*
- *Fact sheet 63 - Sources of information about military service*
- *Fact sheet 133 - Defence and service records held in Melbourne*