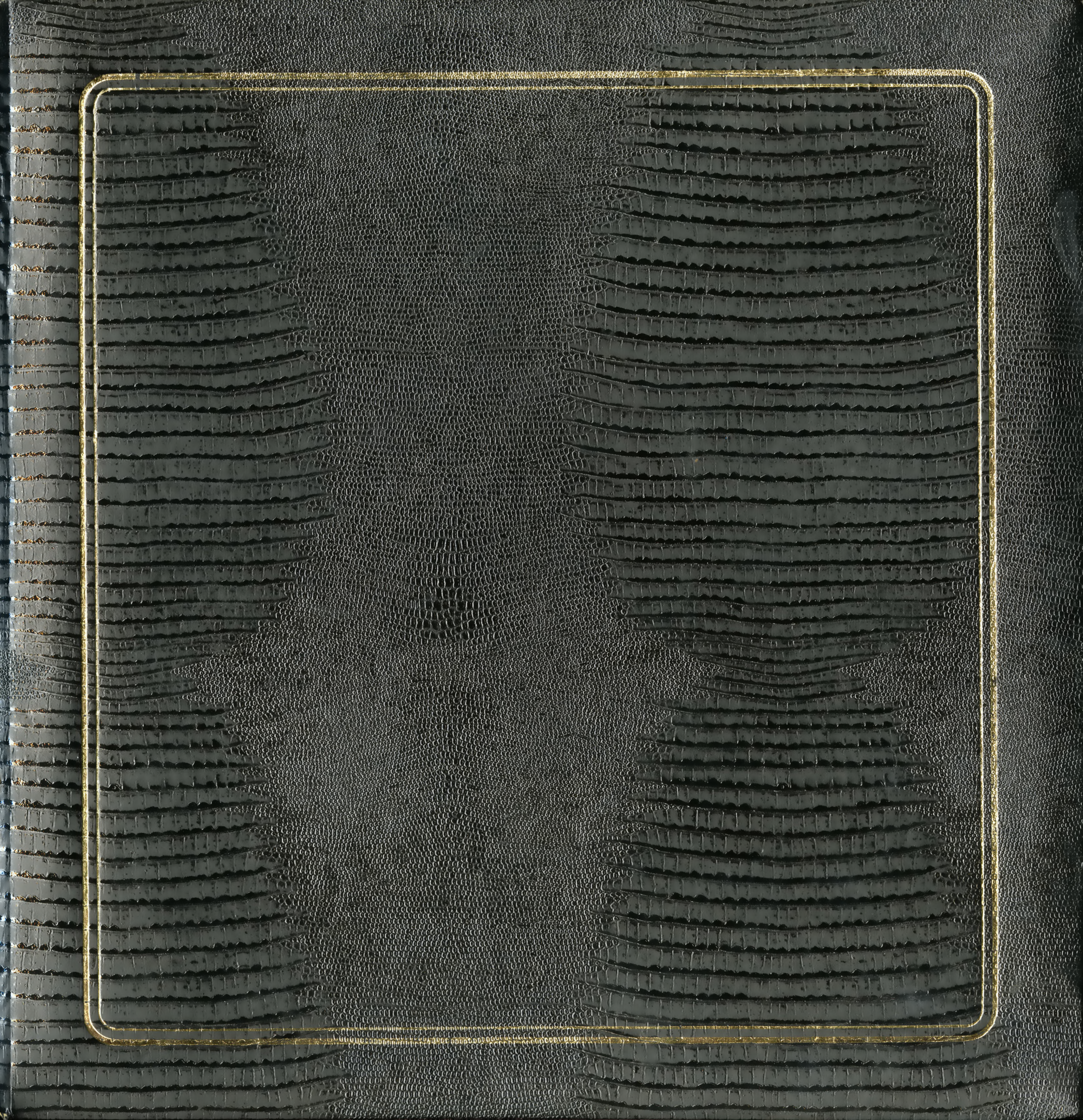






Taken Jan. 1946.

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No. 18



NEW SOUTH WALES.

District Registrar's Office

at..... Crookwell

6th August 1936

CERTIFICATE OF ENTRY IN REGISTER OF BIRTHS.

No. of Entry.....1920 / 209

I hereby certify that an entry in a Register of
Births kept in this Office in pursuance of the Registration
of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, No. 17 of 1899,
gives the following particulars concerning the birth of

..... DONALD DAVID MC LEAN

Date of Birth..... 12th June 1920

Birthplace..... Crookwell, N.S.W.
Crookwell Shire



Presbyterian Church

of Australia
in the
State of New South Wales

Donald David

McLean

Born. June 12th 1920

BAPTISED

January 30th 1921

in the name of the FATHER
and of the SON and of the HOLY GHOST.

Suffer the LITTLE CHILDREN to come unto me and
forbid them not for of such is the KINGDOM of HEAVEN.

B. Palmer

Minister of

Crookwell

Congregation

The VISIBLE CHURCH consists of all those throughout the world that
profess the True Religion, TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

Confession of Faith **XXV 2.**

ANGUS & ROBERTSON LTD Publishers.

TO BE HANDED TO THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH, INTERMEDIATE HIGH, OR
DISTRICT SCHOOL TO WHICH THE PUPIL HAS BEEN ADMITTED.

CERTIFICATE AS TO CONTINUANCE AT SCHOOL.

(Name of Pupil)

Donald McLean

(School where examined)

North Guilbourn

*Son, daughter, or
ward.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that it is my intention that my* *son*

named above, shall remain at school long enough to complete at least three years

of the Secondary School course. He was *14* years of age on

12th June (last birthday).

(Sign)

Parent.

(Date)

(Address)

2 Union Street

Guilbourn

NOTE.—In the case of pupils admitted to Secondary Schools, their continuance as pupils is conditional upon the receipt of satisfactory reports from the Head Teacher each month as to attendance, conduct and progress.

This is to certify that I have known Donald McLean, aged $14\frac{1}{2}$ years, of 8 Union St., Goulburn, during the last 12 months, whilst he has been a pupil of the school under my charge.

He is of excellent moral character, steady, and industrious.

He was successful in the recent Primary Final Examination, and would, I feel sure, give satisfactory service to his employer.

J. H. Roberts,
Headmaster,
Pubc. School,
North Goulburn.

12. 12. 24

BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION

Central Southern
GOULBURN-BRAIDWOOD
DISTRICT



2ND. GOULBURN GROUP

GOULBURN February 18th 1936

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

The bearer, Donald McLean, has been known to me for the past eight years. For the greater part of this period he has been attached to the Troop of Boy Scouts of which I am Scoutmaster, and has proved himself a lad of excellent character, courteous and trustworthy.

I can confidently recommend him to any person requiring the services of a trustworthy boy.

Albert Gageon
Group Scoutmaster.

The manse,
Goulburn,
Feb. 18, 1936

I have known Don.
McLean for over Two
years and have much
pleasure in saying that he
is a boy of good character.
He is a worthy member of
our church and Sunday
School, and his parents
are highly respected residents
of Goulburn.

Chas. B. Douglas
Minister,
St. Andrew's Church,
Goulburn.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

SYDNEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

TRADES STUDENT'S CLASS REPORT.

Goulburn

1st TERM, 1936

Name *Donald D. McLean* Employed by *E. L. Jewett*

Stage *I*

Course *Fitting and Machining*

MARKS AWARDED.

	Practical Work.		Drawing		Examinations.	
	%	%	%	%	%	%
First Term ...	80	37	113			
Second Term ...						
Third Term ...						
Attendances ...						
Result ...						

Date *9 JUL 1936*

Registrar,

per

This form to be handed to the employee after inspection by the employer.

NOTE.—55% of marks is regarded as equivalent to a "C" Grade.
70% " " good—equivalent to a "B" Grade.
83% " " very good—equivalent to an "A" Grade.

RESULT.—The Pass or Failure is decided on review of Year's Class Marks and Final (Annual) Examination Marks.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

SYDNEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Goulburn

TRADES STUDENT'S CLASS REPORT.

1st TERM, 1937

Name Donald McLean Employed by Mr. Mitchell

Stage T

Course Cutting and Machining

MARKS AWARDED.			
	Practical Work.	Theory.	Drawing.
	%	%	%
First Term ...	80	40	10
Second Term ...			
Third Term ...			
Attendances ...	14/15		10/10
Result ...			

Date 21 JUL 1937

Registrar,

per

This form to be handed to the employee after inspection by the employer.

NOTE.—55% of marks is regarded as equivalent to a "C" Grade.

70% " " " good—equivalent to a "B" Grade.

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TECHNICAL EDUCATION BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

SYDNEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Goulburn TRADES STUDENT'S CLASS REPORT.

Name *Donald McLean* *2nd* TERM, 193 *7*
Stage *I* Employed by *Mr Mitchell*
Course *Fitting and Machining*

MARKS AWARDED.

	Practical Work.	Theory.	Drawing.	Calculation.
	%	%	%	%
First Term ...				
Second Term ...	<i>84</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>50</i>
Third Term ...				
Attendances ...	<i>19/22</i>		<i>12/14</i>	<i>10/13</i>
Result ...				

15 NOV 1937

Date Registrar, *per* *[Signature]*

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83% " " very good—equivalent to an "A" grade.

RESULT.—The Pass or failure is decided on review of Year's Class Marks and Final (Annual) Examination Marks.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION BRANCH. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

SYDNEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

TRADES STUDENT'S CLASS REPORT.

3rd TERM, 1937

Name Donald McLean

Employed by

Stage I

Course Mechanics

MARKS AWARDED.

	Practical Work	Theory	Drawing	Calculations
	%	%	%	%
First Term ...				
Second Term ...				
Third Term ...	65	71	61	nil
Attendances ...	13/24	7/10		1/10
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Date

31 MAR 1938

Registrar,

per

This form to be handed to the employee after inspection by the employer.

NOTE.—55% of marks is regarded as equivalent to a "C" Grade.
70% " " good—equivalent to a "B" Grade.
83% " " very good—equivalent to an "A" grade.

RESULT.—The Pass or failure is decided on review of Year's Class Marks and Final (Annual) Examination Marks.



TECHNICAL EDUCATION BRANCH.
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Goulburn

(Centre.)

11 . 3 . 1937.

Memorandum to Whom It May Concern.

This is to certify D. McLean
has been attending the Goulburn
Technical College, as a student
in the Fitting and Machining
classes, since the beginning of
1936. He has been regular in
attendance and well-behaved.
I can recommend him.

P. Raydall
Sub Registrar
Acad Teacher

The Manse,
Goulburn,
March 17, '37.

I have known Don.
McLean for the past three and
a half years, and have much
pleasure in saying that he is
a boy of excellent character.
He is trustworthy, reliable and
energetic.

CHBDouglas

Wm. B.

St. Andrew's Church.

TREVITT'S PHARMACY

(J. R. MITCHELL, M.P.S., PH.C.)

DISPENSING CHEMISTS

PHONE 186

230 AUBURN STREET

GOULBURN

5th January 1938.

This is to certify Donald McLean has been in my employ for the last eighteen months and in the employ of my predecessor for fifteen months previously.

He is a good worker while under supervision and is honest beyond doubt.

At work which he likes he is industrious and carefull and can be trusted.

Don leaves my employ at his own wish to better himself and if he settles in his proper vocation, I have no doubt will prove quite satisfactory. He takes with him my good wishes for his future success.

J Mitchell



TELEPHONE 777.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

GOULBURN, N.S.W.

MINISTER: REV. S. RUSSELL-SCOTT, M.A.

The Manse,
103 Clifford Street,
GOULBURN

Session Clerk:
F. JENNINGS,
10 Belmore Street,
Goulburn.

Secretary:
A. J. ADAM,
232 Cowper Street,
Goulburn.

Treasurer:
J. MYLES,
8 Mundy Street,
Goulburn.

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This is to certify that Donald McLean is
a communicant of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Goulburn.

Everything that I know of Donald is in his favour
and I believe that the Christian influence of his
parents will have been an example to him
of honesty, purity and truthfulness.

I have pleasure in recommending him
and I wish him every success in any work he
may undertake. I feel certain that he will
give every satisfaction.

S. Russell Scott.

Goulburn.

To Whom It May Concern

I have great pleasure in certifying to the good character of the bearer of this reference, Donald McLean. I have known him from his childhood, as a scholar in the Sunday School of which I am Superintendent. For some two years he has fulfilled the duties of Recording Secretary in the Sunday School with good satisfaction.

I have always found him very obliging, honest & truthful, attentive to his duties, and a well-conducted youth.

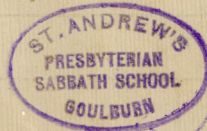
I have never heard of anything detrimental to his character.

He comes from a good home and a respected family with all their helpful associations.

I believe he would make an efficient & conscientious employee and would always strive to give the utmost satisfaction to anyone requiring his services.

yours faithfully
J. Myles.

S. Mundy S.
Goulburn
Jan 21. 1938.



Circular No. 1.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Telephone No.
F.M. 2285.

Naval Reserve Depot,
Beach Road,
Edgecliff.

Please quote
No. F.1855/38.....

31st May, 1938.

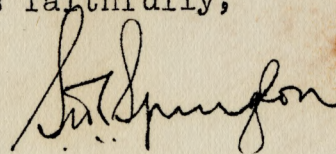
.. Mr. D.D. McLean, ..
.. 40 Croydon Road, ..
.. Croydon, ..
.. ..

Dear Sir,

With reference to your application for entry into the Royal Australian Navy, you are informed that your name has been registered, and will receive consideration in due course.

~~It will not be necessary to make any further application.~~

Yours faithfully,



Commander, R.A.N.,
District Naval Officer, N.S.W.

You are advised to report at this Office at 8.30 A.M. on Tuesday, 7th June, 1938, with birth and educational certificates, etc., to receive further particulars, undergo medical examination, etc.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

In reply, please quote

No. R.....

Naval Reserve Depot,
Beach Road,
Edgecliff,

1st March, 1939

Mr D.D. McLean,
40 Croydon Road,
Croydon,

Dear Sir,

With reference to your application for entry into the Royal Australian Navy, you are instructed to report at this Depot at 8.30 a.m. sharp on **Tuesday, 7th March, 1939,** for entry, subject to final medical examination. as a **Steward** rating

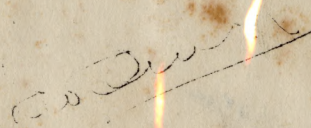
You are further advised that you will not be able to visit your home again after enlistment, and will leave for Melbourne by the 7.35 p.m. Melbourne Express on **7th March, 1939,**

Relatives and friends who wish to witness your departure from Sydney may meet you at the Central Railway Station.

Toilet requisites and a clean shift of under-clothing should be brought with you when reporting.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for reply.

Yours faithfully,


(H. L. Quick)
Commander, R.A.N.,
District Naval Officer, N.S.W.

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& CHIPS.
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YORK HAM.
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PRESSED BEEF.
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SAGO PUDDING.
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BISCUITS.

SALADS.
=====

CHEESE.

21/6/39.



From No. Name
Unit or Group Date
USE OFFICIAL ADDRESS ONLY

Mrs "Melville"

Dear Mae,
Re the money I owe you. Have been saving a little each fortnight up here and, all going well should be able to send you down the complete sum after the pay on the 26th of this month so you can hand on getting it all back by the end of this month.

Have not written sooner as I was hoping to get down on compassionate leave but it looks as if that may not materialise for a month or so yet, and the paymaster here mentioned the matter to me so I thought it was time I wrote about it.

Sorry to have kept you waiting so long but, even up here, it takes a while to save that much out of the little I get but I have honestly been trying to clear it up.

Will write again on bringing the money before the end of the month.
Sincerely,
Reg. D. C. O.

(Sta. 121/33)

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

To:

FROM:

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ADMIRALTY

Following from Prime Minister:-

Please accept yourselves and convey to all officers and men of H.M. Navy and Royal Air Force under your command, my personal congratulations and grateful thanks for new successes which you have just now achieved. That you have no casualties to ships or to men in them, must be a unique feature of a Naval action of such magnitude.

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

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Full distribution.

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CAPTAIN AND OFFICERS OF H.M.A.S. PERTH



Captain H. M. L. WALLER,
D.S.O. (and bar).



Commander (E) GRAY, D.S.O.



Surg. Lt.-Com. (D) A. C.
TREGEAR



Surgeon-Lt. S. E. STENING



Lieut. (E) A. H. J. MEARS



Lieut. J. A. HARPER.



Lieut.-Comdr. L. WATKINS



Surgeon Lieut.-Comdr. E. M.
TYMMS, D.S.C.



Engr.-Lieut. C. J. WILKS
(Yarra).

June 6, 1941
**H.M.A.S. PERTH
 HIT BY BOMB**

MELBOURNE Thursday: Three men from New South Wales and one from Victoria were killed aboard H.M.A.S. Perth during the evacuation of Crete.

The Minister for the Navy, Mr. Hughes, said that H.M.A.S. Perth transported many thousands of men from Crete to safety, and was subjected to fierce and intensive bombing.

Literally, hundreds of bombs rained at her, but the ship suffered only some damage from one hit and a near miss.

**Swallows' Nest
 On The Perth**

This simple letter comes from a sailor on H.M.A.S. Perth, which recently took part in the great Aegean Sea battle off Crete, to his mother, at Curl Curl:

"Early in the year, a pair of swallows built a nest on board, and followed us everywhere. There were eggs in the nest during the battle of Matapan, and through the smoke screens and heavy fire, the birds were around us all day.

"Now they have hatched out their young, and are still following us. There are also several doves that tacked themselves on to us a while ago.

"I can tell you now that we did some fast travelling, carrying troops back and forth to Greece, and we can slip along, yet our birds travelled, too."

Perth's Part In Fight

From REG GLENNIE, Daily Telegraph War Correspondent

ALEXANDRIA, Wednesday. — The captain of H.M.A.S. Perth, describing to me his cruiser's part in the operations off Crete last week, said:—

"I don't think it would be an exaggeration to say that the Nazi bombers came at us at the rate of one a minute. "I evolved a plan of swinging the ship at the psychological moment. None of their bombs hit us. But I still don't know how we survived.

"My crew was magnificent. Everyone stuck to his job. We have not lost a man.

"We were attacked by torpedo-bombers and motor torpedo-boats before the bombers started on us.

"Off Heraklion (Crete) 40 or 50 high-level and dive-bombers attacked us for five hours.

"On the Thursday we were under continuous attack for 13 hours.

"Dive-bombers raked the ship with machine-guns. We fired everything we had at them.

"I shot up a couple of little wooden caiques (fishing vessels used as transports). It was revolting to have to use our guns on such a frail target."

Worst casualty on the ship was a man with his forearm torn by a shell splinter. He is still on duty.

**PERTH UNDER
 ATTACK**

*June 14, 1942
 Wednesday Post*
**Rescuing Men
 From Crete**

CAIRO, Tuesday A.A.P.): The Australian cruiser Perth (6980 tons) was bombed for seven hours one day and 13 hours the next, while evacuating Empire troops from Crete.

With the British cruiser Orion (7215 tons) and five destroyers the Perth took off the first batches of troops from Crete.

Not one British plane appeared to protect the rescue ships on the 350-mile voyage from Crete to Egypt.

Nazi dive-bombers, prowling unopposed along the whole evacuation route, constantly bombed the warships.

The odds were heavily against any ship making the journey, but weary soldiers used rifles and Bren guns to reinforce the warships' 6in. and 4in. anti-aircraft guns.

They threw up a curtain of fire, again and again beating off the Stuka dive-bombers, which came in groups.

There is no official report of damage to the warships, but the B.B.C. says: "It is impossible that all the bombs aimed at the ships should have missed.

"There was a small number of casualties among the troops in the ships. Some soldiers helped to put out a fire which bombs started in one ship."

For four days and nights the rescuing warships landed troops in Egypt, took on more ammunition to beat off dive-bombers, and returned immediately to Crete.

The destroyers took off the first troops from the Candia sector on the night of May 28.

About 3000 men embarked in the dark. The destroyers took them to a rendezvous, several miles off Crete, and transferred them to the cruisers.

PERTH GOES RIGHT IN

Hundreds of German planes followed the destroyers from the shore, bombing and machine-gunning them from high and low levels.

The German air attack became most violent, while the troops were being transferred to the cruisers.

The Perth took off 1200 more men from southern Crete the next night.

"We moved in after dark put down three gangways and took 800 men on board in the first hour," said her captain (Sir Philip Bowyer-Smith).

"Many of these troops told us they did not see a single British plane for days."

On the first night 1100 men were put aboard the Orion from the destroyers. The cruiser repelled repeated attempts by German planes to sink her.

SALUTE THE BRAVE

THE DFM goes to LEADING-AIRCRAFTSMAN REGINALD JOHN LONGHURST, RAAF, of Randwick, NSW. As first engineer of a Catalina, he has carried out a total of 1110 hours flying. When an aircraft crashed off the coast of Australia, Reginald Longhurst took part in the outstanding night rescue flight in which a Catalina was landed off the coast to pick up the injured survivors.

DURING the evacuation of Greece, SICK BERTH CHIEF PETTY OFFICER WILLIAM R. AIRD, of HMAS Perth, with very little help dressed and removed shrapnel from the wounds of about 100 wounded Australians. Later, he treated the majority of 200 wounded who were evacuated from Crete. During the return journey to Alexandria, his ship



received a direct hit from a 500lb. bomb. Thirteen were killed, and 20 wounded. Under terrific bombing attacks, Aird continued to help the injured. For over 48 hours he worked without rest, and carried on until his ship reached port and the wounded were sent to hospital. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

FROM the jungle battlegrounds of New Guinea come tales of great courage and fortitude of the AIF. Hero of one such episode is PRIVATE RAYMOND GEORGE DUNCANSON, AIF, of Brunswick, Victoria. Suffering from wounds and while under heavy enemy fire, he looked after two seriously wounded comrades. The section was forced to withdraw, and Private Duncanson then attended to the evacuation of casualties. He refused to leave one badly wounded man until the latter died. He wins the Military Medal.

IN the centre of the target area at an RAAF base, under enemy attack, LEADING-AIRCRAFTSMAN WALTER REGINALD WATTS, RAAF, of Leichhardt, NSW, calmly prepared food for the pilots on stand-by duty. He did not permit bullets or bombs to interfere with his duties as cook for the boys. His general conduct and outstanding devotion to duty have earned him a Mention in Despatches.

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12 OTHER SHIPS LOST

LONDON, Sunday: (Official Wireless): In their gallant sortie against overwhelming odds in the Java Sea on February 27, when Japan's invasion of Java began, and in subsequent operations, the Allied Fleet lost 12 ships and one hit and beached.

Losses were: Cruisers, Exeter (British), Perth (Australian), Houston (U.S.), and Java and de Ruyter (Dutch). Destroyers, Jupiter, Electra, Encounter, and Stronghold (British), Pope (U.S.), Evertsen (beached), and Kortenaar (both Dutch). Sloop, Yarra (Australian).

Japanese losses are estimated at seven and possibly eight warships, including three cruisers and four destroyers.

H.M.A.S. Perth, which was damaged in the action, left Tanjork Priok (port of Batavia), on the night of February 28 to pass through the Sunda Strait in darkness. During the night a report was received from her indicating that she had come into contact with a Japanese force. Nothing more has been heard of her or the Houston.

The Admiralty statement on the Yarra is that she is missing and must be considered lost.

All other Allied warships which were in Java waters are known to be safe, except for some small craft and auxiliaries, about which information is not yet available.

In the early action an enemy destroyer was struck by a shell from H.M.A.S. Perth. H.M.S. Exeter was hit in the boiler room. Both cruisers reached Tanjong Priok at 7 a.m.

"With the enemy commanding the sea, and air north of Java in overwhelming force the Allied command was faced with the problem of extricating the remaining Allied ships from a very dangerous situation," says the Admiralty report.

"The way to Australia was barred by the 600-mile long island of Java, with the straits at either end of it under enemy control.

"After dark on February 28 H.M.A.S. Perth left Tanjong Priok with the intention of passing through Sunda Strait during the darkness.

"During the same night H.M.S. Exeter, which was unable to exceed half-speed, left Sourabaya, accompanied by the destroyer Encounter and the U.S. destroyer Pope.

"During the next morning (Sunday, March 1) the Exeter reported that she had sighted three enemy cruisers steering towards her. No further signals, however, were received from the Exeter or the two destroyers.

"The Dutch destroyer Evertsen encountered two Japanese cruisers in Sunda Strait. She was damaged and was beached. The destroyer Stronghold and the Australian sloop Yarra are also missing, and must be considered lost.

"It has not been possible to form any estimate of the damage inflicted on the enemy by these ships during their last actions. All other Allied warships which were in Java waters are known to be safe except some small craft and auxiliaries about which information is not yet available."

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

NAVY OFFICE,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
MELBOURNE, S.O.I.

No 8498

Dear Madam,

I desire to inform you that your application for a Female Relative's Badge has been approved, and that a Badge will be forwarded to you as soon as further supplies have been received from the Manufacturers.

Yours faithfully,

Archibald

for (A. R. Mantervis)
Secretary.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

TELEPHONE:
CENTRAL 7185
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"NAVY, MELBOURNE"

NAVY OFFICE,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
MELBOURNE, S.C. 1.

IN REPLY
QUOTE
NO.

REGISTERED POST.

Dear **Sir** Madam,

With reference to your application for the

issue to you of {
A. Returned from Active Service Badge
B. General Service Badge
C. Exemption Badge (Reserved Occupation)
D. Female Relative's Badge
E. Mother's and Widow's Badge,

I desire to enclose herewith Badge No. N **8498**

Yours faithfully,

For Alexander

Secretary, Naval Board.

D. 3995/12.40. - C.15763.

FUNDS MAY BE QUICKLY, SAFELY AND
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MONEY ORDER TELEGRAM.
(PLEASE TURN OVER.)

RECEIVED TELEGRAM

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particulars in the order named.

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No. 87

Remarks.

Sch. C.233. --31/1932.

To

MRS J MCLEAN

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8 UNION ST GOULBURN

ARRIVED SYDNEY TODAY BE SEEING YOU SOON LOVE

DON

2/3pmps

41119

Date

RECEIVED with thanks from

Mr.

the sum of

being

value £

TAILORS FOR LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN

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MERCERS, HATTERS
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URGENT

T.G. 423

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URGENT U 58 MELBOURNE VIC 5/11-30 A

TELEGRAPHIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT DELIVERY PERSONAL

MRS ZENA C MCLEAN 185 BROUGHAM ST KINGS CROSS

SURVIVOR

WITH DEEP REGRET I HAVE TO INFORM YOU YOUR HUSBAND
STEWARD DONALD DAVID MCLEAN IS MISSING AS A RESULT OF ENEMY
ACTION STOP MINISTER FOR THE NAVY AND THE NAVAL BOARD
DEURE TO EXPRESS TO YOU THEIR SINCERE SYMPATHY

Issue printed article designed for a single
in ~~Wednesday~~ **Perth's CREW**
18-1942
Missing Goulburn Men
Four Goulburn men were members
of the crew of H.M.A.S. Perth, the
loss of which is presumed.
They are:
John T. Campbell, Ordinary Seaman.
Donald McLean, Steward.
Robert McAuley, E.R.A. III.
William J. Reece, D.S.M., Stoker.
Petty Officer.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA POSTMASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

~~Telegram~~

Telegram.

Post Mark, 18 March 1942

URGENT. U. 58 Melbourne VIC. 54-11-30A

Telegraphic acknowledgment delayed Personal

Mr General ~~MacLean~~ ^{MacLean} brought ~~about~~ ^{at} King's Cross

by day

With deep regret I have to inform you your husband
Stewart Donald David MacLean is missing as a result
of enemy action, ship Minister of the Navy and the
the naval board ~~decre~~ desire to express to
you their sincere sympathy ~~MacLean~~ Navy

...according to
...reaching Switzerland.
They relate terrible details of the
effect of the phosphorous bombs.

PRISONER OF WAR.

Steward of H.M.A.S. Perth

Friends of Steward Donald D. McLean will be pleased to learn that a card has been received from him, stating that he is interned at the war prisoners camp at Moulmein, in Burma. His health is good and he is with friends, among them being Roy Corcoran. Mrs. J. McLean, of 8 Union Street, Goulburn, Don's mother, had had no word from him for two years. He was an officer's steward on the Perth, which was reported missing in February, 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Cook, of 50 Bishop Street, Goulburn, have received a post card, dated February 23, from their son Pte. Jack Cook, from a prisoner of war camp in Singapore. He says his health is excellent. Mrs. Frank Lyons, of Bungonia, has also received a card from her husband, Pte. Frank Lyons, A.M.C., in which he states Jack, Tom and himself are well. The date was February 22. Jack is Pte. Jack Cook, and Tom is Tom Latham.

DEC 8 1943
TODAY'S COMMUNIQUE

ing next week, we understand.

Steward Donald McLean, of H.M.A.S. Perth, has been reported safe and well after 3½ years as a prisoner of war in Japanese hands. Donald is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McLean, of Union Street, Goulburn (formerly of Crookwell) and a brother of Mrs. G. Shatman, of Crookwell.

the results have been
no less sensational.

DID YOU SEE THIS?
WAR PRISONERS

Personal snapshots may be included in letters to prisoners in Japanese hands.

SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

From.

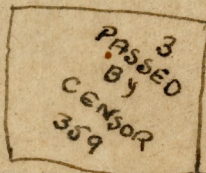
POW 19575

Name DONALD DAVID McLEAN

Nationality AUSTRALIAN

Rank OFFICERS' STEWARD

Camp War Prisoners Camp, (5)
Moulmein, Burma.



To

Mrs. D.D. McLEAN

8 UNION STREET
GOULBURN N.S.W.
AUSTRALIA.

IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY.

I am interned at The War Prisoners Camp at
Moulmein in Burma.

My health is (good, ~~usual~~, poor)

I have not had any illness.

I (am) (have been) in hospital.

I am (not) working (for pay at.....per day).

I am with friends Roy Corcoran.

Let me know about family, Mum & Dad, Brothers
& Sisters Love xxx

From Donald David McLean

I

IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY.

SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE.

From P.O.W. No. 10 575

Name DONALD DAVID McLEAN

Nationality Australian

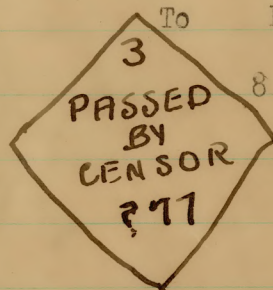
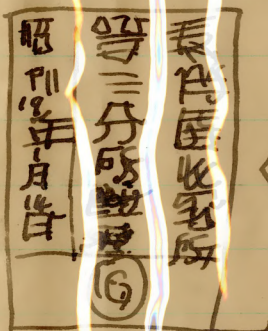
Rank Steward

Camp: No. 3 Branch Thai War Prisoners Camp.

Place. Thailand.

JAPANESE

俘虜郵便



To Mrs. D.D. McLean.

8 Union Street,
Goulburn.

N.S.W.

Australia.

IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY.

Our present place, quarters, and work is unchanged since last card sent to you. The rains have finished, it is now beautiful weather. I am working healthily (~~some~~).

We receive newspapers printed in English which reveals world events.

We have joyfully received a present of some milk, tea, magazine, sugar and cigarettes from the Japanese Authorities.

We are very anxious to hear from home, but some prisoners have received letters or cables.

Everyone is hopeful of a speedy end to the war and with

with faith in the future we look forward to a happy
reunion soon.

With best wishes for a cheerful Christmas.

HOPE you AND all of THE REST OF THE FOLK AT
HOME ARE O.K. LOVE KXXXX

From D. D. M. Lean

from POW No 105-45
name Donald David M. Lean
Nationality Australian
Rank Steward
Camp No 3 Branch Ichi, War
Prisoners Camp near Ichi
Imperial Japanese Army
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THE PROMISED LAND

We sailed away from Aussies shores one bright and sunny day
And we were bound for Nippon land where things were not so gay,

Out across the blue pacific where the coral I slands grow
We battled on to Nippon to a land of mud and snow
Now we'd heard a lot about it, of the blossoms and the flowers
But we never heard of lonely nights and dark and dismal hours,

They told us of the easy dough and that we could make a pile
And they told of silk Kimonos and shielas by the mile,

Now the money part is very true but I've yet to see the day
When a bloke can land a Geisha Girl and safely walk away,

They told us twas a promised land where the sun did always shine,
So we believed the story,
Now we wish we'd stayed behind,

So all you mugs in Aussie, take heed of what I say
When you've on a good thing, stick to it, and never come this way,

Japan is just death-trap, so I'm fairly warning you
Stay in good old Aussie mate, it's wisest thing to do.

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12 MELBOURNE EX OVERSEAS 14 11A
MRS MACLEAN
8 UNION ST GBN
NSW

SAFE IN MANILA MA WELL LOVE

DOM
9 28AM PS



AMERICAN RED CROSS

Manila

30-9-45

Dear Mum & Dad, Just a few lines to let you know that I am getting back into the best of health again. I have not really been bad off but I did lose a lot of weight & I am now putting it back on.

I wrote to Bobbi earlier in the day & told her that I would be home soon. I don't know whether by plane or ship yet but I hope to be on my way in a few days.

I am giving this letter to one of the boys that is going home by plane to first when he gets there.

I hope that all the family & especially yourselves are in good health.

I know I am going to find a lot of changes when I get home but I don't think I will have any worry about that.

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FORM 539 A

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

of much to say but there is a lot
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get home.

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two packets of smokes & a chocolate
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giving us a good time & plenty of
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for since the boys took us.

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Yours loving Son
Don.

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To

Mrs J. M. M. M.

8 Union St

Gaulburn

M.B.W.



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TO HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

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MRS J MCLEAN 8 UNION ST GBN

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GOOD HEALTH LOVE TO ALL SYDNEY THURSDAY . 10N.

9 2amJ

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12---POTTS POINT 18 12-50PM

MRS J MCLEAN
48 COLE ST GOULBURN

DON ARRIVING BY PLANE FIVE O'CLOCK WIRING ARRANGEMENTS TOMORROW
LOVE

THELMA--4 25PM LM



***NATIONAL MEMORIAL
TO PRISONERS OF WAR***



CHANGI CHAPEL

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE, DUNTROON, A.C.T.

