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MILITARY FORCES

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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR SPECIAL FORCES RAISED FOR SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA OR ABROAD.

Army No. ✓X18429

Surname WARNER (BLOCK CAPITALS) Other Names Denis, Ashton

Unit B. Sqn. 7th Div. Cav. Regt.

Enlisted for service at AREA 39C MABEN PLACE ARMADALE (Place)
Victoria (State) 8 MAY 1940 (Date)

A

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

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. What is your name? | 1. Surname <u>WARNER</u>
(BLOCK LETTERS) |
| | Other names <u>Denis, Ashton</u> |
| 2. Where were you born? | 2. In or near the town of <u>Hobart,</u>
in the state or country of <u>Tasmania</u> |
| 3. Are you a natural born or a naturalized British Subject? If the latter, papers are to be produced | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age and date of birth? | 4. Age <u>22 years 5 months</u>
Date of Birth <u>12th December, 1917</u> |
| 5. What is your trade or occupation? | 5. <u>Journalist</u> |
| 6. Are you married, single or widower? | 6. <u>Single</u> |
| 7. Have you previously served on active service? If so, where and in what arm? | 7. <u>Nil</u> |
| 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 <u>Mr Hugh, Ashton, WARNER</u>
Address <u>New Norfolk,</u>
<u>Toorak, Tasmania,</u>
Relationship <u>Father</u> |
| 9. What is your permanent address? | 9. <u>27 Tintern Avenue,</u>
<u>Toorak, Victoria</u> |
| 10. What is your religious denomination? (This question need not be answered if the man has a conscientious objection to doing so) | 10. <u>R.C</u> |

I, Denis, Ashton, WARNER.

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]
(Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer)Denis Warner
Signature.

*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†~~.....

Place AREA 39C MABEN PLACE ARMADALE Date 8 MAY 1940

Signature of Examining Medical Officer [Signature]

* Classifications which are inapplicable to be struck out. † Reasons for unfitness to be stated.

C

OATH OF ENLISTMENT‡

I, Denis Ashton WARNER, 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 Denis Warner

Subscribed at Caulfield in the State of Victoria
his seven day of May 1940.

Before me—
Signature of Attesting Officer [Signature]

‡ 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.



Wilke and Co. Pty. Ltd., Printers, 19-47 Jeffcott Street, Melbourne.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
 I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IT PURPORTS TO BE A COPY, AND THAT I AM THE OFFICER HAVING THE CUSTODY OF THE ORIGINAL

1 MUST COMMANDER Pk. *C M*

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

SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

VX 18429

Army No. *2474*

Unit *2474th Regt of 2474th*

Christian Names Denis Ashton.

Surname WARNER,

(Block Capitals)

Officer-in-Charge District Records Office,
 Southern Command (3 Months) of Enlistment 29/5/40.

Place Armadale.

Date of Birth 12th December 1917.

Place of Birth Hobart, Tasmania.

Trade or Occupation Journalist.

Religion R.C.

Marital Condition Single,

Next of Kin Mr. Hugh Ashton WARNER,

Address of Next of Kin New Norfolk, Tasmania.

Relationship Father.

Medical Classification—**Class II-X**
 (On Enlistment)

Identification—Colour of Hair Auburn Eyes Brown.

Distinctive Marks Append Scar.

REPORT

Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, suspensions, discharges, deaths, and admission to and discharge from Hospital, Casualty Clearing Stations, etc., and date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including furlough, etc.).

Date	From whom received	REPORT	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries	Signature of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
29/5/40	O.C. R.R.D.	Taken on Strength R.R.D.	29/5/40	Caulfield	R.O.	109/38/40
31.5.40	"	Posted to 2474th Regt. from R.R.D.	31.5.40	France	"	109/38/40
"	"	Trans. to 2/8 4th Regt.	31.5.40	"	"	109/38/40
1/9/40	2nd 3rd	Transferred to 2/8 4th Regt. Southern Command G.M.D.	1-7-40	Stell	"	109/38/40
3.6.40	O.C. 16th Bty	Taken on strength from 2474th Regt. Victoria.	3.6.40	"	"	109/38/40
17.7.40	"	Admitted to G.D.S.	16.7.40	Brighton	"	109/38/40
17.7.40	"	Discharged from G.D.S.	16.7.40	"	"	109/38/40
17.7.40	"	Granted 8 days convalescent leave	16.7.40 to 24.7.40	"	"	109/38/40
25.7.40	"	Returned from leave	24.7.40	"	"	109/38/40
29.8.40	"	Trans to 8th Bty Regt from 2/8 4th Regt	28.8.40	France	"	109/38/40
3.11.40	"	Employed to 8th Div Cavalry	24.8.40	Brighton	"	109/38/40
6.11.40	"	4 weeks leave with out pay from 4-11-40 to 10	17.11.40	France	"	109/38/40
24.11.40	"	Rejoined unit from leave.	14.11.40	"	"	109/38/40
4.3.41	"	To R.R.D. Royal Park for transfer to 7 Inf. Brig Depot.	3.3.41	Balecombe	"	109/38/40

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21 MAY 1961
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VX 18429 *Ate* WARNER Dennis Ashton *Standard*

REPORT		Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, etc., forfeiture 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 turnough, etc.).	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority Document	Signature of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
Date	From whom received					
6.3.41	Prof. Eng. Cdr	Trans. from 8 th W. Cav. Regt. to R.R.O. Royal Park	5.3.41	Kaler	W.3011/2/41	RO 5/1/383 Qa
10.3.41	8 Dist. Cav.	Trans. to 8 Dist. Cav. from 7 th Inf. Eng. Bn. for R.R.D. Royal Park	10.3.41	Balconde	" 15/41	RO 7/1/388 Qa
4.3.41	R.R.D.	Attached from 8 th Div. Cav. Regt. for training, Nations Discipline	3/3/41	Royal Park	W.3012 159	RO 13/1/1206 SP.
5.3.41	do	Detached to 7 th Inf. Eng. Centre, after Attachment	5/3/41	do	W.3012 159	RO 59/1/1382
10 APR 1941		Embarked HMT. mm Conway US.10	17.58 10 APR 1941	271D		
14.4.41	9 th Div. Cav	Disembarked	1/258	ME	2206	
10.5.42	"	Graded Gx6 II. Div. Operator	6.5.42	ME	W.3011	
1.5.42	"	Transferred to 1 st A.S. Bn. 5/5/42	31.3.42	ME	W.3011	
1.5.42	Dist. Comd. RL	Taken on strength from 9 th Div. Cav Regt	31.3.42	✓	✓	
4.5.42	✓	Relinquished to 1 st Div. Operator	9.5.42	✓	✓	
11.4.42	Comm. No.	Transferred to 9 th Div. Cav Regt	10.11.42	✓	✓	
✓	9 th Div. Cav	Taken on strength from 9 th Div. Cav Regt	20.11.42	✓	✓	
✓	do	Embarked	24.1.43	✓	5109	
✓	do	Disembarked	27.2.43	by way	✓	
20.7.43	19. Cav.	Moved to 16 APCE for 6 th Div. Cav Area for 24/1/09	5.7.43	Area	W.3011	
16.9.43	16. Cav.	Left in ex LNOP	31.8.43	✓	✓	
16.9.43	✓	Left out to 9 th Cav Area	3.9.43	✓	✓	
21.9.43	19. Cav.	Left unit from LNOP	16.9.43	✓	✓	
25.10.43	✓	Left unit from LNOP	16.10.43	✓	✓	
25.10.43	2/0 Cav	Qualified Proficiency Exam	1.7.43	✓	AUST	

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SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

Army No. **VX18429**

Unit

Surname **WARNER**
(Block Capitals)

Rank (On Enlistment) **Sgt** Christian Names **Denis Ashton**

Date of Enlistment.....
 Place.....
 Date and Place of Birth.....
 Trade or Occupation.....
 Religion.....

Marital Condition.....
 Next of Kin.....
 Address of Next of Kin.....
 Relationship.....

Medical Classification—Class I.
 (On Enlistment).....
 Class II.....

Identification—Color of Hair..... Eyes.....
 Distinctive Marks.....

REPORT		Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, 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 by 30th, 31st, or other Document	Initials of Officer Concerning Correctness of Entries
Date	From whom received					
1.1.44	2/9 base	100 to 600 base for <i>Ashton</i> (AMR-O 284 (1) (1) 2/6/44) (Arch. 1 base for 2/6/44) <i>Spectrograph</i>	31.12.43	Asst	30/1/44	<i>W</i>
9/1/44	900	<i>Ashton</i> <i>Quarantine</i> <i>AMR-O 27/44/1337</i> <i>6/1/44</i> <i>6/44</i>			W304	<i>W</i>
12/1/44	800	Discharged AMR-O. 253A R184A (H9) <i>Brumby</i> <i>1937</i> <i>11.1.44</i> Austerity—6099 — Date 22/12/43		8/44	Dis 601, <i>Womersley</i>	<i>W</i>

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RECORDED 12.8.44 for OTHER CHANGE-REGISTRATION OFFICE

OFFICER'S RECORD OF SERVICE

Personal Number

Regt. or Corps WAR CORRESPONDENT

Other Names DENIS
A.H.M.—3/42—B2024

Surname WARNER
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Personal Particulars—

Address

Date of Birth Place

Civilian Employment Religion

Name, Relationship and Address of next of kin	Children		Previous Military Service		
	Date of birth	Sex	Unit	From	To

Examinations and Promotions—

Rank	Subject	Date	Authority	Promoted	Date	Authority
Lieutenant						

Schools, Courses, &c.—

Nature of Course	Place	From	To	Certificate	Authority

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS SPACE.

Special Qualifications or Experience—

REPORT		Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, etc., forfeiture 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, etc.).	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority W. 3010 B. 2069 or other document	Initials of Officer certifying to correctness of entries
Date	From whom received					
14. 2. 44	AUSTIN WASHINGTON	Accreditation granted as <i>Special Correspondent</i> . Credentials being forwarded by Navy Dept. to Capt <i>Waldo Drake</i> , Public Relations Officer, Pacific Fleet	NDG	U.S.A.	Ech 766-1-450 WM-310 SD. 2053	<i>Gal</i>

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(To be compiled by Reception Camp and forwarded to Records Office on completion of discharge.)

1. Vic. L of C Authy. 6099. Date 22.12.43 AIRSO RISVAN, H.

NAME (in full) WARNER, Denis Denis Ashton

NO. VX18429 RANK TRW UNIT 19 Cav Regt

D/C No. 12431 WIDOWER, MARRIED, SINGLE. Must Div Cav Regt
Discharged at G.D.D. CAULFIELD on 11.1.44 as at 11.1.44

48 Pay and allowances in lieu of leave up to & including 28.2.44

2. MEDICAL PARTICULARS OF DISCHARGE (to be compiled by examining M.O.)

AGE 26 HEIGHT 5'10" EYES Brown Distinctive Marks _____

HAIR Auburn COMPLEXION Dark

I certify that the soldier named above, on date of Discharge DID/DID NOT claim or reveal a disability caused or aggravated by War. (Strike out DID or DID NOT as required.)

Where such disability was claimed or revealed, the matter has been investigated by a Medical Board.

Med. Board Date 10.1.44 AI

X-Ray Date 10.1.44 (Signature of Examining M.O.)

In cases where the disability has not been investigated Discharge will be deferred.

3. REASON FOR DISCHARGE. To Industry
Total period of service towards completion of engagement 1323 days including:-

Active Serv. Abroad 689 & in Aust. 318. Total Active Serv. 1007 Days
Intended place of residence after Discharge, to which D/C may be posted

is: New Norfolk Tasmania

4. UNIFORM RETURNED No PLAIN CLOTHES ISSUED yes or
DESPATCHED TO _____ BY Mail ON 11-1-44

5. CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER ON DISCHARGE:
I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my pay, allowances and clothing, and just demands, up to the present date, subject to the reservations of the claims noted on the reverse herewith.

PLACE CAULFIELD SIGNATURE OF SOLDIER Denis Warner

DATE 11.1.44 SIGNATURE OF WITNESS Alfred [unclear]

6. CONFIRMATION OF DISCHARGE:
I have impartially inquired into all matters brought before me in accordance with regulations and hereby confirm the Discharge

PLACE CAULFIELD (Signature of & Appt of Confirming Officer)

DATE OF EMBARKATION 10/4/41 DATE OF DISEMBARKATION 27/2/43

DISABILITY, AND D. of D. (For Medical Reasons only) _____

Onys War Correspondent

DESTINATION AREA: _____ ORIGINAL AREA _____

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25783
11.1.44

14 A.

Charge,
ce,
Area

1 Will

hereby acknowledge receipt of AAF.A.131 (Will Form)
by me whilst a member of the A.I.F.

Warner, D.A.

Denis Warner

Signature.

DEC 1943

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7 Feb 44

P.R.L.O.,
G.H.Q. S.W.P.A.

Accreditation - D.A.WARNER

Australian licence No.290 has been issued to Mr. D. A. Warner. Application is now made for G.H.Q. accreditation.

Name	Denis Ashton WARNER
Age	26 yrs 12/12/17
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Red
Weight	14 st 10 lbs
Height	5'10"
Representing	Melbourne "Herald"
Accredited to	Overseas

Photograph is attached.

Colonel.
Director General of Public Relations.

AUSMIL WASHINGTON

LANDFORCES

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REF	WML69	OF	26	JAN	WML70
OF	27	JAN	(.)	NO	ADVICE
RECEIVED	FROM	CINCPAC	(.)	PLEASE	ENDRAVOUR
EXPEDITE					

(Sgd) M.R. BROWN.

MAJ S.D.L.
FOR ERIC.
D.S.D.
7 Feb 44

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

Public Relations Office,

LO/1983

5 February, 1944

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DENIS WARNER : MOVE TO SOUPAC

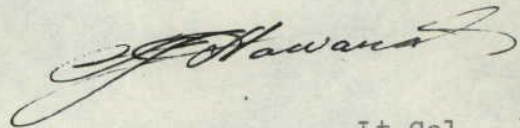
1. Your 9184 of 3 Feb. It seems possible that the process of accreditation and movement of Mr Warner to SOUPAC became tangled when SOUPAC were approached directly by the editor of the "Herald". His mention of SWPA accreditation led them to assume that Mr Warner already held such accreditation, and they therefore replied by quoting the drill for a transfer in such cases.

2. To cut the tangle, SWPA will accredit this correspondent and then immediately inform SOUPAC (in terms para 2, Lt Com Bassett's letter to Melbourne "Herald.")

3. Will you therefore, please:-

Forward usual application and particulars for GHQ SWPA accreditation.

Advise the "Herald" to complete and forward to SOUPAC the Personnel Security Questionnaire they have received from Lt Com Bassett.



Lt-Col.,
LO Public Relations.

9255

7 February, 1944.

P.R.L.O.,
G.H.Q. S.W.P.A.

With reference to your LO/1983, Warner will be leaving Melbourne tomorrow for Brisbane, travelling by train.

The Herald has already completed and returned the security questionnaire received from Soupac, and details for Mr. Warner's accreditation by G.H.Q. have been sent separately.

Colonel.
Director General of Public Relations.

9268

Sutton

GHC SWPA

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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for	HOWARD	public	relations	(.)	WARNER
due	BRIEBANE	by	train	ten	FEB
to	await	movement	SOUPAC	(.)	please
book	accommodation				

Maj.
 for DGPR.
 8 Feb 44

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ARMY MESSAGE

DECIPHERED.
PLAIN LANGUAGE.

SERIAL NO. 1921

SECRET

TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

Time Message Rec. 1910

Date

FROM AUSMIL WASHINGTON

Checked by PS

S.F. 100 7/42

ORIGINATORS No/s WISSO

DATE

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T.O. 91405

YOUR MW 343 7 FEB.

WAR CORRESPONDENT DENIS WARNER.

MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED TO COMSOPAC BY CINCPAC.
ADVICE EXPECTED SHORTLY.

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- G (SD 9)
- A (AG 2)
- C (M)
- DCPR

11 FEB 1944



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THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF BUILDING
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

VIA PACIFIC AIR MAIL

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Army History

16th February, 1944.
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Headquarters,
Allied Land Forces,
Melburne.

War Correspondent - Mr. Denis Warner

Attached hereto is copy of a letter
received from the Office of Public Relations,
Navy Department, with regard to the accreditation
of Mr. Denis Warner.

Your MW 150, 18th January, 1944
refers.

B. J. T. Longley Maj
lc (V.A.H. STURDEE)
Lieutenant-General
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MISSION

BJFW:JAL

D.S.D. (P. LEWISON)
Documents received from
A.M.M. (COMMUN)
A.M.M. (COMMUNION)
A.M.M. (C.M.C.)
3 MAR 1944
Copies circulate for
information and any
necessary action to:
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Esbeck *P.A.*

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
Executive Office of the Secretary
Office of Public Relations
Washington 25, D. C.

OCR-A(40522)

12th February, 1944.

Lieutenant General V.A.H. Sturdee
Australian Military Mission
The Combined Chiefs of Staff Bldg.
Constitution Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Sturdee:

Confirming telephone conversations, this is to advise you that acceptance of Mr. Denis Warner, representative of the Australian Newspapers Service, as a Navy War Correspondent has been received from the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Accordingly, Mr. Warner has been accredited to his command as a United States Navy War Correspondent, eligible for assignment to task forces. The credentials are valid for the calendar year 1944.

The original and a signed copy for Mr. Warner's possession have been forwarded to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

It is hoped that Mr. Warner will obtain much productive material during his accreditation to the Pacific Fleet.

Sincerely yours,

"G. W. Campbell"

Commander, USN
Assistant to the Director

MOVEMENTS

WARNER

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Manila
Tokyo area 30/9,

106543

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~~GHQ SWPA~~
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Restricted for

PARISHAN MUST PUBLIC RELATIONS from DOPR(.) DENIS WARNER
relieved PEARL HARBOUR by ALVIN LEE and desires move immediately
to AUST for vacation(.) however movement authority withheld
pending specific approval from MACARTHUR(.) this presumably
required for WARNER to pass through SOUTH PAC area(.) Please
have authority signalled PEARL HARBOR



Lt-col

D/DOPR

16 Dec 44

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5 February, 1945.

Rationing Commission,
Victorian Administration,
Cavendish House,
MELBOURNE.

(Attention Mr. Harcourt)

2952
J.D. Potter
"London Daily Express"

In accordance with an agreement reached between Miss Tyler of the Rationing Commission and this Directorate, application has been made by Mr. Dennis Warner, accredited war correspondent, representing "The Herald", Melbourne, for a special issue of clothing coupons to cover the following purchases:-

2 pairs shorts	8 coupons		
3 " socks	6 12 "	8	
3 khaki shirts	36 "	36	
1 pair boots	12 "	12	
2 ties	2 "	2	
	<hr/>		
	70		
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2. This list has been approved by the Director General of Public Relations.

Colonel
Director General of Public Relations.

The  Herald

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THE WEEKLY TIMES

THE SPORTING GLOBE

BOX 751F, G.P.O.,
MELBOURNE.

THE HERALD AND WEEKLY TIMES LTD.
REGISTERED OFFICE:
44/74 FLINDERS ST.,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

November 1, 1945.

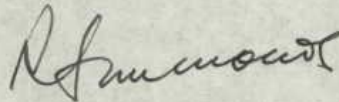
Brigadier J. Rasmussen,
Director General of Public Relations,
Tattersall's Buildings,
Swanston Street,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Brigadier,

Would you be kind enough to forward
the enclosed letter to our correspondent,
Denis Warner, who is at present in Manila.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Associate Editor-in-Chief.



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In reply please quote PR 671.

**AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
MINUTE PAPER**

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26 FEB 1947
VIC L OF CAREA
RECORDS

SUBJECT: re VX18429 Trooper D.A. Warner.

Vic. Ech. & Rec.
3MD.
No. 1 Area,
Albert Park.

It will be appreciated if details of the Army service
of the above named discharged soldier can be made available to this
Directorate.

John L. ...
Lt-col,

Directorate of Public Relations.

25 February 1947.	Date of Enlistment -	29.5.40
	Emb of Officers -	10.4.41
	Disemb of Officers -	27.3.43.
	Discharged -	11.1.44
	Reason -	Demob.
	Service -	2nd Inf. Bn.

H. ...
Lt Col
for Officer in Charge

In reply please quote PR 671.

re VX18429 Trooper D.A.Warner.

Vic. Ech. & Rec.
SMD.
No. 1 Area,
Albert Park.

It will be appreciated if details of the Army service
of the above named discharged soldier can be made available to this
Directorate.

Lt-col,
Directorate of Public Relations.

25 February 1947.

PR 683.

5 March 1947.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to certify that Mr. Dennis A. Warner was a member of the Australian Military Forces, having enlisted on 29 May 1940, and having served overseas from 10 April 1941 to 27 February 1943. He was discharged on 11th January 1944 to take duty as an Accredited War Correspondent on behalf of the "Herald" newspaper of Melbourne. During his service as an Accredited War Correspondent, he served almost continuously for a period of 2 years in the South and Central Pacific Areas.

LT-col,
Directorate of Public Relations.

FR 684.

5 March 1947.

D.A. Warner Esq.
Tintern Avenue,
Toorak.

Dear Mr. Warner,

As promised, I am enclosing herewith certificate covering your services, both in the A.M.F. and as an Accredited War Correspondent.

Yours Faithfully,

Lt-col,
Directorate of Public Relations.

Embarked with 9 Cav Regt	19/4/41
Disemb ME	17/5/41
Transit 1 Aust Cdo Pl	31/3/42
" " 9 New Cav Regt	20/11/42
Emb	24/1/43
Disemb Sydney	27/2/43

9 Cav Regt in Syria

found 7 Am in Syria 25 days after arriving ME. (Jan 41)
 1 Am with 21 Adl Coy below
 " " 25 " in adv to Jezzine & paralleled
 the lateral road Jezzine/Hidon

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SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

19 January, 1944

Dear Mr. Simmonds:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 13, regarding accreditation of Mr. Denis Warner to the United States Pacific Fleet and the South Pacific Force as a war correspondent.

You are correct in the assumption that accreditation to GHQ, Southwest Pacific Area, is sufficient to enable Mr. Warner to proceed to our headquarters to cover operations under Admiral Halsey's command. All that is necessary is that the Public Relations Officer, Southwest Pacific Area, inform us by despatch that Mr. Warner wishes to proceed. We will reply to this by despatch, thus expediting his coming.

I am enclosing a copy of the Personnel Security Questionnaire, similar to the form completed by Keith Palmer. If you will have Mr. Warner execute this form and return it promptly to us, I can assure you that it will be sent expeditiously to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, with a strong endorsement from us. This should enable Mr. Warner to receive his Pacific Fleet credentials in the near future. Since he undoubtedly would remain in the South Pacific Area for a period, the need for full Fleet credentials probably would not be urgent.

With continuing assurances of our wish to cooperate with you and in hopes of seeing a representative of THE HERALD with the Commander South Pacific soon, I am,

Sincerely,

JAMES BASSETT, JR.
Lieutenant Commander, USNR
Press Relations Officer

Enclosure-1

Mr. Ralph Simmonds,
THE HERALD and WEEKLY TIMES, Ltd.
44/74 Flinders Street
Melbourne, C.I., Victoria
Australia

GENERAL INDEX

Surname *WARNER*
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Other Names *D. A.*

Personal or Army No. *VX 18429.*

Rank *TPR*

Unit *2/9 Aust Cav. Regt.*

Granted ext. Leave in/out pay 24/8/43 60900 hrs. 30/8/43:

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Unit

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Sutton

Parliament House,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

1st March, 1944.

Dear Senator Aylett,

With further reference to your representations in presenting a letter from Mr. W. Patman, of 34 King Street, Sandy Bay, Hobart, concerning the appointment of Tpr D.A. Warner as a War Correspondent, it would appear that Mr. Patman is incompletely informed regarding the conditions under which war correspondents are appointed.

Mr. Warner is not an official correspondent, but a representative of a group of Australian newspapers. He has been given accreditation by the United States War Department, and has been authorised by the commander of the United States Navy in the Pacific to accompany the forces under his command.

Accreditation of Australian correspondents is effected without regard to their personal political views, provided there is no objection from the security point of view. Correspondents are not, however, permitted to use their accreditation to propogate political views of any kind.

Yours sincerely,

(F.M. FORDE)
Minister for the Army.

Senator W.E. Aylett,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Salton
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P.R.L.O.,
G.H.Q. S.W.P.A.

The question of the accreditation of Mr. Warner to South Pacific Command has been complicated by the receipt by "The Herald" of a communication direct from the P.R.O. of South Pacific Force.

You will recall that we had asked if it were possible for G.H.Q. accreditation to carry Mr. Warner into South Pacific and we were told that we would have to follow the old channels. We thereupon signalled Military Mission, Washington, and have been advised by them that U.S. Navy Department had referred request for Warner's accreditation to the C-in-C, Pacific Fleet. We have had no further advice on the subject.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the letter received by "The Herald". Would you please take this up again with G.H.Q., and see what can be done to expedite Warner's movement. He is ready to move as soon as the accreditation is adjusted.

Colonel.
Acting Director General of Public Relations.

9189

3 February, 1944.

Mr. R. Simmonds,
Editor,
"The Herald",
MELBOURNE.

Dear Mr. Simmonds,

I have taken up again with G.H.Q. the question of Mr. Warner's accreditation to South Pacific Fleet. I think that the letter from Lt Commander Bassett should resolve the doubts which GHQ seem to hold. So far, we have had no further advice from the United States, beyond the intimation that the application had been sent forward to the Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, who would advise us direct. We are doing all we can to expedite this.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Colonel.
Acting Director General of Public Relations.

AUSTLIL WASHINGTON

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February 2, 1944.

Colonel J. Rasmussen,
Acting Director-General of Public Relations,
Department of the Army,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Colonel Rasmussen,

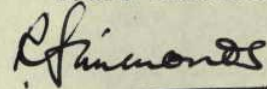
I enclose herewith an official copy of the letter which I received this morning from Lt. Commander Bassett. The signed, original copy of course I have kept for my file, but this is a copy which Bassett forwarded with it.

In the circumstances I would ask you to do all that you can to speed up Mr. Warner's movements by means of accreditation to G.H.Q. and by a message to Lt. Commander Bassett. I would like Warner to get to Admiral Halsey's command almost immediately and I presume that his Pacific fleet accreditation could be picked up there. I will get Warner over from Tasmania in a day or so, to stand by in readiness for movement.

I am,

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,


EDITOR.

ARMY MESSAGE

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TO **LANDFORCES MELBOURNE**

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YOUR MW150 15 JAN.

**WAR CORRESPONDENT DENIS WARNER NAVY DEPARTMENT HAVE REFERRED
REQUEST FOR ACCREDITATION TO CINCPAC. WAR DEPARTMENT HAVE
NO JURISDICTION. WILL ADVISE WHEN ACCREDITATION GRANTED.**

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29 JAN 1944



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Director of Staff Duties

Attention: S.D.1

Mr. Denis WARNER, accredited war correspondent, holder of Australian Licence No.290 has been nominated to represent Australian evening press in South Pacific Area, and his early movement to that area is desired.

2. United States War and Navy Department accreditation, and authority to enter South Pacific Area are required.

3. Could attached draft Signal be sent, please, to Australian Military Mission in Washington, asking them to obtain these authorities.

Colonel.
Acting Director General of Public Relations.

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13/1/44

Major C. Madden,
Department of Public Relations,
Melbourne. S. C. 1

Dear Major Madden,

I confirm herewith telephone conversation with you this morning. When you are applying for Denis Warner's accreditation to G.H.Q., I should be grateful if you would also request G.H.Q. to secure his accreditation for the United States Pacific Fleet, as well as for the South Pacific.

I presume that the particulars supplied to G.H.Q. will suffice. When we sent Keith Palmer we had to have a special series of accreditation papers for the U. S. Navy, but maybe the system is changed. Otherwise, perhaps G.H.Q. will be able to let us have the necessary documents.

Warner is taking a few days' leave, but we would naturally like to have his accreditation through at the earliest possible moment.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

R. Kimmond

EDITOR.

Directorate of Public Relations
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12/1/44

Colonel Rasmussen,
Department of Public Relations,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1

Dear Colonel Rasmussen,

We desire to apply for the accreditation to G.H.Q. and to the South Pacific Command of a member of our staff, Mr. Denis Ashton Warner.

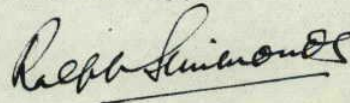
I am informed that G.H.Q. accreditation will automatically include South Pacific accreditation, and accreditation to the South Pacific Fleet.

Mr. Warner was born in Hobart, his age is 26, and he is, of course, of British nationality. From 1937 to 1939 he was a journalist on the Hobart Mercury. He joined the Herald in 1939, enlisted in 1940 with the A.I.F. and served in the 9th Division, with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment.

We applied for his discharge from the Army a few weeks ago in order that he could act as operational War Correspondent in the South Pacific, taking the place of Keith Palmer who was killed the other day. He is now out of the Army, and we are very anxious to get him to the Pacific as soon as possible. I will be obliged if you could expedite this matter.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



EDITOR.



With Compliments
501 12th St

Interesting soul!

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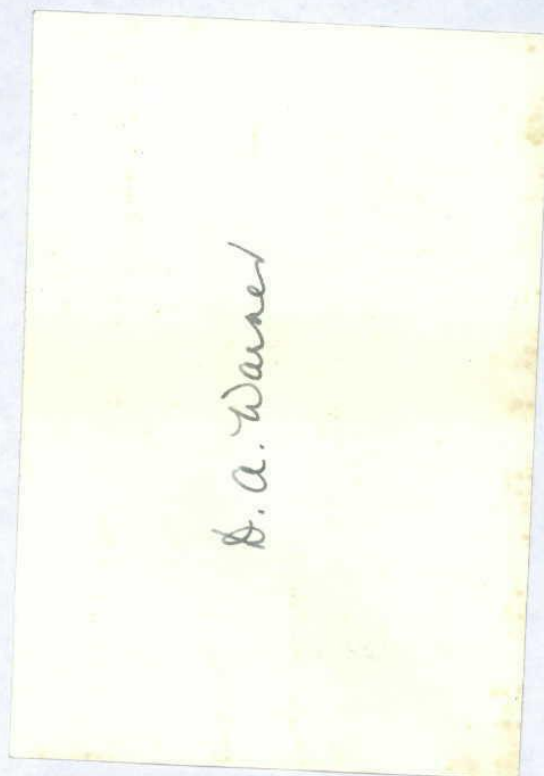
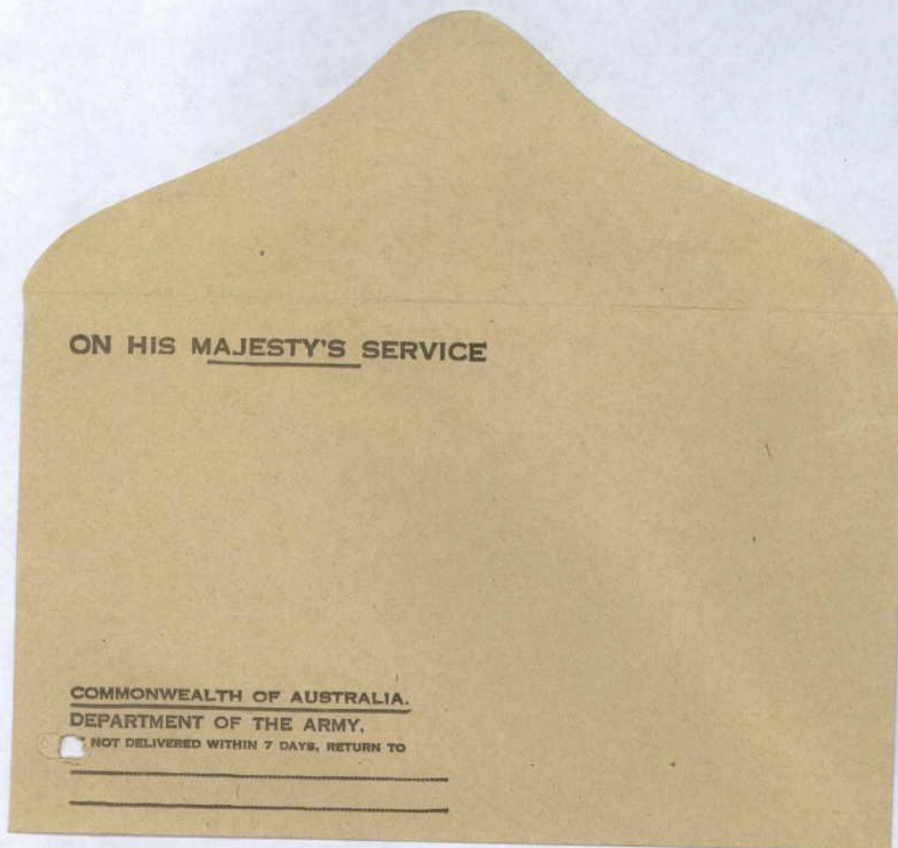


12 JAN 1944

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.
NOT DELIVERED WITHIN 7 DAYS, RETURN TO





15. Names and Addresses of Employers during the past five years. Date of Entering Service. In what Capacity Employed Date of Leaving Service

Davis Bros Ltd, Hobart, Tasmania March 1937- Journalist October 1939

Herald & Weekly Times Ltd, Melbourne. October 1939 Journalist May 1940

16. Height 5ft 10" 17. Hair Red 18. Eyes Brown

19. General build Substantial (Wt. 14st 10 lbs)

20. Distinctive marks

I hereby declare that the above statements are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature Denis Warner

PLACE Melbourne

DATE 10/1/44

DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED BY ACCREDITED WAR CORRESPONDENTS

I, the undersigned (name in full) *Denis Warner*
..... *Warner* upon accreditation declare that
I have read the Regulations for Accredited War Correspondents with the
Allied Land Forces in the South-West Pacific Area, and I hereby
solemnly undertake :-

- (a) To comply with these regulations and those from time to time applicable to Accredited War Correspondents.
- (b) To comply with any censorship rules or orders.
- (c) To comply with any orders received from superior authority and to conform with the requirements of the Defence Act as applicable to a person holding status as an officer, while subject to military or air force law.
- (d) To refrain from acting in any way prejudicial to the security, welfare or morale of the forces of His Majesty or of any Allied or co-operating Power.
- (e) To refrain from joining the forces of any enemy or neutral Power either as a War Correspondent or in any other capacity during the continuance of the war.
- (f) To waive all claims against the Commonwealth of Australia for compensation for injury, damage or loss suffered by me as a result of activities pursued by me as an accredited War Correspondent operating under these regulations.

Signature *Denis Warner*

Date *13/1/44*

..... *A. Salton*
(Witness)

D.G.P.R.

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30 December, 1943.

Sir Keith Murdoch,
"The Herald",
MELBOURNE. C.I.

Dear Sir Keith,

In the absence of Colonel Rasmussen in Sydney I wish to inform you that the application made for the release of Tpr Denis Warner from the Army to become a war correspondent in the South Pacific Area, has been approved.

This information has just been passed to me and I understand instructions have been issued to facilitate his discharge.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.
for Colonel.
Acting Director General of Public Relations.

VX18429 TROOPER WARNER, D.A.

D.R.D.

Application has been made by Melbourne "Herald" for the release from the Army of the following soldier, for appointment as a war correspondent:-

VX18429 Trooper D.A. Warner,
2/9 Aust. Cav. Regt.,
A.I.F. Australia.

2. If the release is granted, Tpr Warner will be accredited and posted to the South Pacific Area.
3. The release is recommended.

Colonel.
Acting Director General of Public Relations.

20 Dec. 43.

VX18429 TROOPER WARNER, D.A.

D.R.D.

Following is a copy of a letter received from the Melbourne "Herald" re the above-named soldier:-

"We have for the last week or two been turning over the possibilities regarding a successor to Keith Palmer who, as you know, was covering the South Pacific for us when he was killed.

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"I would be grateful, therefore, if you could set in motion the machinery for his release and let me know as soon as possible what the prospects are. His full military address is as follows:

VX18429, Trooper D.A. Warner,
2/9 Aust. Cav. Regt.,
A.I.F. Australia."

2. Your advice would be appreciated. You will recall that Trooper Warner was a candidate at the recent Federal election.

Colonel.
Acting Director General of Public Relations.

6 Dec. 43.

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Colonel J. Rasmussen,
Acting Director General of Public Relations,
Department of the Army,
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December 1, 1943.

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A.I.F. Australia."

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Keith Murdoch


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Colonel.
Acting Director General of Public Relations.

6 Dec. 43.

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This form to be signed and Returned IMMEDIATELY to:-

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Vic. L. of C. Area.
281 Lonsdale St.,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

VX 18429

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

Public Relations Office,

10/1952

22 January, 1943

A/DGPR (Telephoned Melbourne these
facts 1500 hrs 22 Jan)

MOVEMENT OF HUTTON AND WARNER

1. Everything is ready for Hutton to move overseas as far as GHQ is concerned. The necessary signal from the Department of External Affairs to Adjutant General, G.H.Q. has not yet arrived. Nothing can be initiated until it does. Please check External Affairs to make sure signal is sent.
2. Warner will be moved to South Pacific provided he is accredited to G.H.Q. and an official request made. Admiral Halsey will then be asked to give Warner a clearance. On receipt of clearance GHQ will move Warner.

(Sgd) F.J.Sullivan Capt.,
A/PRLO.