This file contains documents about the enlistment of JJ Rawson in the various elements of the Australian military from 1941 onwards, and other relevant papers including his service record.

All information in this file collated in August 2010 by RP Rawson.

This is what I believe to be the first application by JJ Rawson to join the military. It is an application to join the CMF (or similar) and not the AIF because his father would not allow him to join the AIF at this time. The application is dated 4/8/1941.

A.A.Form, M.3A. (Introduced December, 1940.) COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA Enrolment Form for Military Service for Home Defence (Defence Act 1903-1939-Part IV) PERSONAL INFORMATION. Name of Person Surname (block letters) RHW50N Other Names (in full)..... JOSIAH JOHN Enrolled Date of Birth . SECOND day of PPRIL 19 22 Town and Country of Birth YARRAWONGA, PUSTRAUA (BRITISH) AUSTRALIAN Postal Address of Place of Abode 24 URGUHART STREET State VICTORIA SOUTH NIG (Any subsequent Change of Address should be at once notified to the Area Officer of the Area in which enrolled.) Full particulars of any previous Naval, Military, or Air Force Service Marital Condition (married, single, or widower) (Persons subsequently marrying should at once notify the Area Officer of the Area in which they are enrolled.) Dependants (if any). INFORMATION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT. (Any subsequent change from or to a Reserved Occupation should be notified at once to the Area officer of the Area in which enrolled.) Trade (and Grade, if any). LABORATORY FISSISTANT Present Occupation... MAC | ROBERTSONS Initials and Name of Employer.... FIRGYLE STREET Postal Address of Employer... INFORMATION REGARDING NEXT OF KIN. RAWSON (Surname (block letters) Name of Next Other Names (in full) KAWSON KICHERD AUSTKALIAN FATHER Relationship to Person to be Enrolled POSTAL CIAL Occupation_ Postal Address of Place of Abode VICTORIA If exemption from military service is claimed, state the reason below:-CERTIFICATE I Certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing statements are true in every respect. (Kawaan Dated 4 / 5 /1944 If you have any preference for any arm, or unit, state same.

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Confirmation of enlistment in the CMF on 25 September 1941.

A.A. Form Mob. 1 (Revised March, 1941) 1617-411 AUSTRALIAN MOBILIZATION ATTESTATION FORM To be filled in for all Persons at the Place of Assembly when called out under Parts III. or IV. of the Defence Act, or when voluntarily enlisted. V335135 Army No. Christian Names. Surname. 2 Car De Ligs WESTGARTH Enlisted for war service at. (Place) (State). .(Date) Questions to be put to persons called out or presenting themselves for enlistment. 1. What is your name? ... 2. Where were you born? 3. Are you a British Subject? ... 4. What is your age and date of birth? ... 5. (a) What is your normal trade or occupation? Grade if any? (b) Present occupation? 6. (a) Are you married, single or widower? (b) If married state date of marriage?

7. (a) Have you had previous naval, military or Air Force service either in peace or war? If so, where and in what arm? 7. (a) (b) What was the reason for your discharge? 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) 9. What is your permanent address? 10. What is your religious denomination? (This question need not be answered if the man has a conscientious objection to doing so) ... 1. Certificate for entry to Secondary School 2. Intermediate .. 11. Which, if any, of the following Educational Qualifications do you possess? 3. Leaving 4. Leaving Honours. 5. Technical _ 6. University Degree 12. Have you ever been convicted by a Civil Court? ... If so-(a) What Court? (a) -(b) for what offence? . (b) tereah do solemnly declare that the above answers made by rectoffic above questions are true (Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer.)

* The person will be warned that should be give false answers to any of these questions be will be liable to heavy penalties under the Defence Acts.

Medical and Oath of Enlistment in the CMF.

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 14 . 3. Fit for Class II. 4. Temporarily unfit for Closs II 1 Signature of Examining Medical Officer * Classifications which are inapplicable to be struck out. C OATH OF ENLISTMENT ! For persons voluntarily enlisted or called upon under Part III. or Part IV. of the Defence Act, and not being members of the Active Citizen Military Forces to serve in the Citizen Forces in time of war. Not compulsory for serving members of the Forces or those allotted to the Citizen Forces under Part XII. of the Act, but unless in any case an objection is raised, the oath should be administered to them as part of the ceremony of attestation. Raws or swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord, the King, in the Citizen Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia for the duration of the present time of war, and for a period of 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 Delp Me God! Signature of Person Enlisted & Kawson Subscribed at WESTGARTH this_ Before me-Signature of Attesting Officer_ ‡ 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 initialled by the Attesting Officer. Employer Mac Robertsons augyle It Jutzran

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JJ Rawson applied to join the AIF on 15/7/1942 when his father agreed he could join. His father's consent is at the bottom of the page, but partially destroyed.

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I assume this is the form that confirms his enlistment in the AIF on the 20th? of July 1942, although the date given in a form below is actually 14 August 1942.

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This form confirms his wish to transfer to the new Australian Regular Army in October 1948.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES AAF A5 (Reintroduced March 1989)
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This form shows his movement into the CMF and then the AIF, then the Interim Army (remember that the CMF and AIF were under different command structures, I think, and that the Australian Regular Army (ARA) as we would come to know it, did not come into being until 1948) and finally the ARA.

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STATEMENT OF SERVICE

No. 31254	Rank	Maj m	Full Name	JOSIAH JOHN RAWSON	

Reference:

General Details:

RAAEC Corps

Retiring Age for Rank and Corps

Date of birth Marital Status

2 Apr 22 Married

Service Details:

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Transferred	AIF (VX 83879)	14	Aug	42
Transferred	Interim Army	1	Jul	47
Discharged	Interim Army	6	Oct	48
Enlisted	ARA (31254)	7	Oct	48
Discharged	ARA to be appointed an officer	4	Feb	62
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CERTIFICATE OF BURLOUGH

According to records held and maintained at CARO MS Det 51254 Maj Josiah John Rawson has not been granted furlough or received payment in lieu thereof.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement, compiled from the original records of the abovenamed member, held by Gentral Army Records JO'NEILL) Office.

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This is about confirming he was willing to serve overseas at the time of the Korean War.

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	3/1254 Ssgt RAWSON Josiah John 91 CAMP HOSP (Number) (Rank) (Name in full) RAAMC a member of the Australian Military Forces (Corps)
	hereby voluntarily agree to serve anywhere beyond the limits of the Commonwealth if and when required until the cessation
	of the present time of war and twelve months thereafter. Aug 50 (Nitness) 4 Aug 50 (Pappointment and (Rank)

Another form confirming his willingness to serve overseas, but this one is broader in scope than the previous form - this one gives the ARA scope to post him overseas anywhere at any time.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

UNDERTAKING TO SERVE ANYWHERE BEYOND THE LIMITS OF THE COMMONWEALTH IF AND WHEN REQUIRED

OTHER RANKS

I, No. Rank Name (in full)
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a member of the Australian Military Forces, hereby voluntaril
agree to serve anywhere beyond the limits of the Commonwealth
if and when required during the currency of my present engage
ment and any subsequent re-engagements.
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(Signed)
Witnessed Q GC 50
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Resignation as Major JJ Rawson in 1975.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY	
INTERIM DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE This is to Certify	
that the discharge from the Permanent Military Forces of	
Army No. 31254 Rank MAJ Initials J.J. Surname RAWSON has been duly authorized	
Authority: DOD(AO)MS Hiddeld 27182 Dated 2 NO	75
Reason: RESIGNATION	
and I hereby certify that the discharge will WINHHIM 3 DEC 75	
Signature and Rank of Officer Specimen Signature of Soldier Specimen Signature of Soldier	3 DIC 75
This certificate is of a temporary nature and indicates only that the shove-named has strend in the Fernancial Military Forces will be forwarded to the following address: 65 Hedina Road	. A Discharge Certificate
GLEN WAVERLEY VIC 3150 Until Jan 76 then 16 Theona	Grove
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JJ Rawson - Record of Service



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Department of Repatriation and Compensation P.O. Box 87A Melbourne

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENT 31254 MAJ R.R. RAWSON

Reference: A. Your MX212632 dated 24 Sep 75.

The following is a statement of service as requested.

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