

AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES

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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR SPECIAL FORCES RAISED FOR SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA OR ABROAD.

Army No. WX 4761
 Surname BELL (BLOCK CAPITALS) Other Names Sydney Arnold
 Unit General Reinforcement
Leath
 Enlisted for service at WA. (State) 28-6-40. (Date)

A

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

1. What is your name? { 1. Surname BELL (BLOCK LETTERS)
Other names Sydney Arnold
2. Where were you born? { 2. In or near the town of Bunmurrah
in the state or country of Victoria
3. Are you a natural born or a naturalized British Subject? If the latter, papers are to be produced { 3. By.
4. What is your age and date of birth? { 4. Age 40
Date of Birth 31st Oct. 1900
5. What is your trade or occupation? { 5. Carpenter
6. Are you married, single or widower? { 6. Married.
7. Have you previously served ~~on active service~~ If so, where and in what arm? { 7. _____
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 BELL, S. J.
Address 45 Bourke St
Leederville
Relationship Wife
9. What is your permanent address? { 9. 45 Bourke St
Leederville W.A.
10. What is your religious denomination? (This question need not be answered if the man has a conscientious objection to doing so) { 10. Anglican

J. Bell, Sydney Arnold 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 W. J. H. H. H. (Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer) S. J. Bell 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 Baysan Terr. Date 3/6/40

Signature of Examining Medical Officer L. Huie

* Classifications which are inapplicable to be struck out.

† Reasons for unfitness to be stated.

C

OATH OF ENLISTMENT‡

J. Sydney Arnold Bell 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 J. S. Bell

Subscribed at Pent in the State of WA.

this 23rd day of June 1940

Before me—

Signature of Attesting Officer J. H. Mearns Capt

‡ 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.



CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

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

SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

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

Army No. WX.4761

Unit *Mobilie Laundry*

Surname *BELL*
(Block Capitals)

Sydney Arnold

Christian Names

Officer-in-Charge District Records Office

Western Command

Date of Enlistment *23.6.1940*

Place *Perth*

Date of Birth *31.10.1900*

Place of Birth *Bronswick Victoria*

Trade or Occupation *Hawker*

Religion *Anglican*

Marital Condition *Married*

Next of Kin *S A BELL*

Address of Next of Kin *45 Bourke Street Leederville*

Relationship *Wife.*

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

Identification—Colour of Hair *Dark (graying)* Eyes *Blue*
Distinctive Marks



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Date	From whom received					
<i>29 June 40</i>	<i>R.T.D.</i>	<i>STRENGTH M/25.6.40 ex 2 days leave with pay 23+24.6.40 incl. + TOS. Genl Reinf on + from attestation</i>	<i>23 June 40</i>	<i>Northam</i>	<i>W.3011 2029.1.40</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
<i>17 Sept 40</i>	<i>H.O. D. Enl</i>	<i>TRANSFERRED Sth Div Mobile Laundry</i>	<i>5-9 40</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>5-1-40</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
<i>10 Sept 40</i>	<i>9 MOBILE LAUNDRY</i>	<i>TRANSFERRED FROM GENL REINF</i>	<i>6-9-40</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>W.3011 2029.1.40</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
<i>27-10-40</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>APPOINTED To be A/1/EPL</i>	<i>3-10-40</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>W.3011 2029.1.40</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
<i>4-12-40</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>GRANTED PRE-EMBARKATION LEAVE FROM 28/11/40 To 7/12/40</i>	<i>7/12/40</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>W.3011 2029.1.40</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
<i>3-1-41</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>EMBARKED OVERSEAS CONVOY. 8 Aquitania</i>	<i>3/1/41</i>	<i>Memalle</i>	<i>A.206</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	<i>Mobile Laundry</i>	<i>Disembarked. Rear Party</i>	<i>10/2/45</i>	<i>W.3011</i>	<i>A.206</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

H. Burrowes
Major
Officer in Charge District Records
Western Command.

WX4761 Cpl BELL S.A

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1.3.41	Mod. Laundry	Quadea Group III Stewman	20/4/41	India East	W 3011	Ro
26.4.41	-	Relinquished T.O. III Stewman.	10/290	do	do	W 3011
14.6.41	-	Promoted A/Cpl.	17/342	9.6.41	-	W 3011
19.7.41	-	Rank of Cpl confirmed	22/457	18.7.41	W 3011	Alen
5.12.41	do	Detached to 7 Aust Div ^{MLQD} (att 2/3 A.F.W.)	41/667	5.12.41	do	Alen
31.1.42	✓	Rejoined unit from 7 Div MLQDU (att 2/3 A.F.W.)	5/60	29.1.42	✓	b
4.2.42	✓	Detached for duty to HQ Aust BOD	6/121	4.2.42	✓	b
18.4.42	✓	Ordered to be detached to HQ Aust B.O.D. on marching out to Aust Ord 2ng Regt	13/157	12.4.42	✓	b
17.5.42	A.O.T.R.	Marched in x H.Q. Aust B.O. Depart	26/2551	16.4.42	✓	W 3011
26.4.42	-	Marched Out. Lo. Gov. M.L. & D. Unit.	27/2675	25.4.42	✓	W 3011
2.5.42	9 Mod Laundry	Taken on strength from Aust Ord 2ng Regt	16/174	27.4.42	✓	b
12.9.42	AIF Order	brave conduct - commended by His Majesty the King for brave conduct on night of 9/9 1941, for his act of gallantry during an air raid on Alexandria.	26/287	12.1.42	✓	LONDON GAZETTE 35415 13/1/42
7.3.43	-	EMBARKED - Middle East } DISSEMBARKED - Fremantle }	3/34	25.1.43	W 5769	W 3011
14.8.43	Emb. Roll	Emb. 1st Velle Distress 1/8/43 to 1/8/43 to 1/8/43	8/111	1.8.43	W 306	W 3011
16.9.43	1/6 A.G.H.	June. 1/6 A.G.H. (Malacca B.T. Presbyopia) to Unit	8/111	25.7.43	W 3074	W 3011
10.8.43	-	Discharged to 7 A.G.H. to Unit	8/111	9.8.43	3034	W 3011
21.8.43	9 Div. U.L.	T.O.S. from 2/6 A.G.H. Struck off & sent	8/111	10.8.43	3011/19	W 3011
8.10.43	-	Evac. to 2/9 A.G.H. (Debility V.V.O.) to Unit	10/658	16.9.43	3024	W 3011
11.11.43	-	Evac. 2/9 A.G.H. to 116 A.G.H. by S.A.T.	10/658	29.10.43	3024/2999	W 3011
30.10.43	-	Emb'd Mousby for "Katoomba" 26/10/43. Disemb'd Townsville.	10/658	29.10.43	W 306	W 3011

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WX 4761.

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Date	From whom received					
31.10.43	116 A.G.H.	Evac. 116 A.G.H. to No. 2 Amb. Train. 2/10/43	31.10.43	QBE	3030	7.7
16.11.43	102 A.G.H.	Evac. No. 2 Amb. Train to 102 A.G.H. 2/10/43	6.11.43	N.S.W.	3030	7.7
28.12.43	"	Disch. 102 A.G.H. to N.S.W. LAF Area G.D.D. 2/10/43	17.12.43	-	3030	7.7
11.1.44	W.A. LAF G.D.D.	W/Out from N.S.W. LAF G.D.D. to W.A. LAF Area G.D.D. 2/10/43	29.12.43	W.A.	Ext. XLJ 107	7.7
29.1.44	110 P.M.H.	Medical Classification assessed Class 'D' 2/10/43 by Med. Board. (Conf. D.D.M.S. W.A. LAF Area 29.1.44) 2/10/43	29.1.44	-	Ext. 107 XLJ	7.7
19.3.43	DRO5MD	Entrained for SA 2/10/43	19.3.43	Fremantle	DRO	
		for O. Records 2/10/43				
17.12.43	102 A.G.H.	MEDICAL Board: medically Boarded & approved 9-12-43 & was classified Temporary (D) For transfer to GDD Sydney for on movement to W.A. LAF Area 9-12-43	9.12.43	N.S.W.	P.1 B 728A	
29.12.43	Returned Dept.	M/I ex Sydney 29-12-43	29.12.43	binon	DRO	
6-1-44	"	M/O to Re-attachment 6-1-44	6-1-44	"	"	
23-2-44	"	M/I to Returned Dept 31-1-44	31-1-44	"	"	
29-3-44	binon	DISCHARGED AMR & O 184 A (1) D 17-3-44 CCR 75/3/424 Dis bet 29362	17-3-44	binon	Ro 32/44 B7	

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Records Officer

A/CPL

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17-3-54 AF. B.103-1 (Adapted)

SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

Army No. WX.4762

Unit MOBILE LAUNDRY 8th DV

Rank (On Enlistment) _____ Christian Names Sydney Arnold Surname BELL (Block Capitals)

Date of Enlistment 23.6.1940 Marital Condition Married
 Place Perth Next of Kin S A BELL
 Date of Birth 31.12.1900 A256 31-10-1891 Address of Next of Kin 45 Bourke Street Leederville
 Place of Birth Brunswick Victoria Relationship Wife.
 Trade or Occupation Hawker
 Religion Anglican



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Medical Classification— Class I. Identification— Colour of Hair Dark (greyish) Eyes Blue
 (On Enlistment) Class II. Distinctive Marks _____

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Date	From whom received					
29 June 40	R.T.D.	<u>STRENGTH</u> M/125.6.40 & 2 days leave with pay 23/24.6.40 incl +TOS. Genl. Reinf on + from attestation	22 June 40	Northam	Po 39.1.40	[Signature]
17 Sept 40	N ^o 2 D. Coy	<u>TRANSFERRED</u> 8th Div mobile Laundry	5.9.40	"	5.1.40	[Signature]
10 Sept 40	MOBILE LAUNDRY	<u>TRANSFERRED</u> FROM GENL REINF'S	6.9.40	DO	Po 6.1.40	DRK 9/40
27-10-40	"	<u>APPOINTED</u> To be A/CPL	3.10.40	"	Po 21/4/40	[Signature]
4-12-40	"	<u>GRANTED PRE-EMBARKATION LEAVE FROM</u> Embarked Overseas App 1 b 28/11/40 To 7/12/40	7.12.40	DO	Po 7/6/40	DRK 9/40
7/1/41	"	<u>Disembkd In Palestine</u>	3/1/41	8th Div	Po 30/1/40	[Signature]
18/4/41	AHQ 2 Echelon	<u>TRADE Grouping</u> To be Storman T.G. III	30/1/41	Med Card	Po 12/2/40	[Signature]
26/4/41	"	<u>TRADE GROUP</u> Relinquishes T.G. III	3/1/41	"	Po 14/5/196	[Signature]
1/7/41	"	<u>PROMOTIONS.</u> PROMOTED A/CPL	27/7/41	"	Po 23/1/290	[Signature]
19.9.41	"		9.6.41	"	Po 3404/3420	[Signature]

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Date	From whom received					
24.10.41	9 DIV. 2nd H. MOB Coy	PROMOTION RANK OF CPT. CONFIRMED.	18.7.41	✓ MID EAST.	W4089/457	Thompson
6.4.42	ibid	DETACHED for duty to 1st Lt. Mob Landy.	5.12.41	✓ M.E.	W1725 667	J.H.
2/11/42	"	HONOUR. Commended for brave conduct.			SWH	J.H.
17.2.43	9 DIV MOB. LAUNDRY.	<u>BRAVE CONDUCT COMMENDATION</u> Commended by his Majesty the King for his brave conduct on the night of 8/9 June 1941 for his action of gallantry during an air raid on Alexandria a/c. - London Gazette 35415 dated. 13/1/1942			W655. 26/282	Thompson
6-8-42	9 DIV MOB LANDY	<u>REJOINED UNIT. FROM 2/3 A.F. WKSHP</u>	29-1-42	✓ M.E.	W4331/61	SW
12/8/42	9 DIV MOB Coy	<u>Detached for duty to H.Q. Aust Base Dtd Depot.</u>	4.2.42	✓ M.E.	W4469/121	J.H.
29/10/42	" " "	<u>CEASED to be detached to H.Q. Aust. Base opd Depot. on m/out. to Aust. Otd TRNG. Regt.</u>	15.4.42	✓ "	W5999/157	J.H.
6.11.42	xlist ORD. TRNG. Regt.	<u>MARCHED IN from 9 DIV MOB. LAUNDRY & DECONTAM. UNIT</u>	17.4.42	✓ "	W6149 27/2552	J.H.
6.11.42	xlist ORD. TRNG. Regt.	<u>MARCHED out. to 9 DIV MOB. LDY. & Decontam Unit.</u>	15.4.42	✓ "	W6150 27/2575	J.H.
14.11.42	9 DIV MOB. LDY.	<u>STRENGTH T.O.S. from AUST. ORD. TRNG. Regt.</u>	27.4.42	✓ "	W6355 16/174	J.H.

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19/5/43. DRD SMD. DISSEMBERED to leave ex H.M.S. L 3 19.2.43. 4 miles A206 J.H.

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BELL S.A.

REPORT		Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Auth. W. 3011 B. 2069 or other Document.	Sig. Officer
Date	From whom received.				
13.3.43	9. Busby's Mob Laundry	Embarked for return to Auck per 30-28.1.43 Disembarked to leave on 19.2.43	M.E. Itle	2w 1685 3/34	HS
19.3.43	D.A.O. 5MP	Entrained for S.A.L. of C.A. TRAIN "A"	7 mtle	D.A.O. Emb. 149	JY
30.9.43	9 DIV MOB LNDY	HOSPITAL EVAL TO 2/6 A.G.H (1. Malakia BT.2. Presbyopia)	Q.L.A.	908/446/27/4/8720	JY
30.9.43	-- -- --	HOSPITAL Durh 2/6 A.G.H TO UNIT	--	908/441/27/4/8720	JY
30.9.43	-- -- --	STRENGTH Taken on From 2/6 A.G.H	Q.L.A.	908/466/27/4/8720	JY
30.9.43	29 DIV MOB LNDY	EMBARKED AT TOWNVILLE per Dumfries	Q.L.A.	908/341/27/4/8720	JY
30.9.43	-- -- --	DISEMBARKEED " PORT MORGAN"	N.C.	" " " "	JY

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Date	From whom received					
31-10-43	116 AGH	Trans 116 AGH to No 2 Amb Train 2/44	31-10-43 ✓	Qld	3034	
24-11-43	9 DIV MASHBY	HOSPITAL EVAL TO 2/9 AGH (Debit to NYD Tox List)	16-9-43 ✓	N.G.	R/09/517 27/4/10047 JMB	
27-12-43	9 DIV MASHBY	HOSPITAL EVAL - 2/9 AGH TO 116 A.G.H BY SAT	29-10-43 ✓	--	R/10/608/27/4/151 JMB	
30-10-43	"	Emb'ed Mashby per "Katoomba" 2/44	29-10-43 ✓	"	Ro 3/166	
6-11-43	2/1 DIV LAUNDRY	HOSPITAL Trans From Qld L.C. Area To 102 A.G.H Tamborah per 2 A Amb Train Ex 2/4 A.G.H	6-11-43 ✓	Qld	54/1/98	
17-12-43	102 A.G.H	MEDICAL BOARD Medically Boarded at 102 A.G.H and was Classified Tentatively (D) For Transfer to G.D.D Sydney for on move to WA L.C. Area	9-12-43 ✓	N.S.W.	D.I.B 728A	JMB
6-3-44	9 D.D.N.S.W.	M/out. 9.D.D.N.S.W. to 9.D.D.W.A VIA Vic Lof 6 ex 102 A.G.H	21-12-43 ✓	N.S.W.	6/1/1534 fact 3	B
29-12-43	RETURNEES DEPOT	M/IN Ex Sydney	29-12-43 ✓	Claremont	DRO	JMB
6-1-44	"	M/out to Reallotment	6-1-44 ✓	"	"	JMB
6-23-2-44	"	M/IN to Returnees Depot	31-1-44 ✓	"	"	JMB
23-2-44	W.A.L.C. Records	MEDICAL BOARD - Medically Boarded at Hollywood D.M.H. Classified "U" in military state confirmed by D.D.M.S.	28-1-44 ✓ 29-1-44 ✓	W.A. W.A.	B.S.	B.
29-3-44	Claremont	DISCHARGED. AMR 90, 184. A. (1) D. CCR 75/3/424 Rio Cont. 29362.	17-3-44 ✓	Claremont	R/3/100 BT	

Mobile Laundry &
Forward Decontamination
Unit

Brigade.

9 Aust.

Division.

1 Aust.

Corps.

Date Recommendation passed forward.

Received

Brigade 20.6.41

Passed

25.6.41

Division HQ Details

Corps 1 Aust.

Army 2nd AIF.

Army Form
W. 3121.
(Adapted)

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Personal or Army No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	9 Aust. Div. M.L. & F.D. Unit	WX. 4761	Cpl. BELL, Sydney Arnold	<p>At about 2300 hrs on the night 8/9 June 1941, during a heavy air raid over Alexandria, Cpl. Bell, while returning from leave to his billets, assisted in removing injured people from a building in Sister Street, which had received a direct hit from a heavy calibre bomb.</p> <p>Later, on arrival at his billets, which were situated in the dock area, at about 0300 hrs, a further heavy attack on this area was in progress and he took refuge behind a dump of motor car tyres. Although badly shaken, as the result of a nearby bomb explosion, this man, unhesitatingly, answered a call for help from a Greek ship, tied up at the adjacent wharf, which had received a direct hit from an incendiary bomb and was on fire. Cpl. Bell found two men on board the ship, one of whom was seriously wounded by machine gun bullets and bleeding profusely. He carried this man to the safety of his billets and returned and brought in the second. After rendering what first aid he could and endeavouring to obtain medical assistance, Cpl. Bell, together with two other men of his Unit, then removed the injured men to the dock hospital.</p> <p>During all this time, the dock area was under aerial bombardment and machine-gun fire. Documentary evidence has already been forwarded and it is mentioned that the matter would not have come to notice had it not been for the letter of appreciation received from the Commander of the Greek ship in question.</p>	<p>Lieut. N.R. WALMSLEY For O.C. 9 Div. M.L. & F.D. Unit</p> <p>Lt. Col. A. J. HOEBS OC. AIF. Details</p>	<p>King's Comm.</p>	

EXT. SHEET D.W. 4/42/42

AUTHORITY G.O. 115/42/42

L.G. Supp. 35415/42

Mobile Laundry &
Forward Decontamination
Unit

Brigade.

9 Aust.

Division.

1 Aust.

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	9 Aust. Div. M.L. & F.D. Unit	WX. 4761	Cpl. BELL, Sydney Arnold	<p>At about 2300 hrs on the night 8/9 June 1941, during a heavy air raid over Alexandria, Cpl. Bell, while returning from leave to his billets, assisted in removing injured people from a building in Sister Street, which had received a direct hit from a heavy calibre bomb.</p> <p>Later, on arrival at his billets, which were situated in the dock area, at about 0300 hrs, a further heavy attack on this area was in progress and he took refuge behind a dump of motor car tyres. Although badly shaken, as the result of a nearby bomb explosion, this man, unhesitatingly, answered a call for help from a Greek ship, tied up at the adjacent wharf, which had received a direct hit from an incendiary bomb and was on fire. Cpl. Bell found two men on board the ship, one of whom was seriously wounded by machine gun bullets and bleeding profusely. He carried this man to the safety of his billets and returned and brought in the second. After rendering what first aid he could and endeavouring to obtain medical assistance, Cpl. Bell, together with two other men of his Unit, then removed the injured men to the dock hospital.</p> <p>During all this time, the dock area was under aerial bombardment and machine-gun fire. Documentary evidence has already been forwarded and it is mentioned that the matter would not have come to notice had it not been for the letter of appreciation received from the Commander of the Greek ship in question.</p>	<p>Lieut. N.R. WALMSLEY For O.C. 9 Div. M.L. & F.D. Unit</p> <p>Lt. Col. A. J. HOEBS OC. AIF. Details</p>	King's Comm.	

Submitted 10/3

Case No. 29362

11/11/44

C.R. 75/3/424
D.R. G.
W.A. L of G Area

Disposal Section (Returnees).
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1 Feb. 44.

W. 4761 Cpl. BELL Sydney Arnold - 9 Div. M. Laundry.

Specified for discharge on basis of Anxiety State 1. 10%. 2. 3 months.

Date of discharge 17 Mar. 44.

Leave due 45 days leave.

Serv. 30 Rec. 15.

It is my duty to apply for a pension.

Bell

Capt.
O.C. Disposal Section (Returnees).

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Officer in charge,
W.A. Echelon & Records
Lord St.
PERTH

EMBLEMS FOR MENTION IN DESPATCHES

G.R.O. A.144/41.

NO. *M^r S. H. Bell*

NAME *45 Bourke St.*

ADDRESS *Leedswood
Perth*

AUTHORITY *143476*

RECEIVED from Records' Office
W.A. Echelon & Records.

1 Brooch Emblem (Single Oak Leaf)

2 "Sew On" Emblem(s) " " " "

S. H. Bell Signature

DATE *12th Sept 1944*

NOTE: - G.R.O. A.144/41, Para 8.

The C.O. of a member who has been Mentioned in Despatches will cause an entry to be made in the Member's Record of Service Book (AAB 83) stating that the member has been mentioned in despatches and quoting the Authority for such statement. The Officer authenticating the entry will sign it and add his appointment.

DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE MUST BE PRODUCED ON
APPLICATION.

LORD ST. DRILL HALL

BADGE
INFORMATION FOR ~~WILL~~ SECTION
re DISCHARGE.

THURSDAY 3 FEB

ARMY No. WX. 4761 SURNAME.

BELL

UNIT 9 Div Mob Christian Names.

Sydney Arnold

REASON FOR DISCHARGE:

Med Unfit

Date of
Discharge 17-3-44

Private Address:

44 Bourke St., Leederville

Returned from Active Service

~~Discharged prior to embarkation~~

} Strike out where not applicable.

W. AUSTRALIAN AREA
RECORDS OFFICE,
CLAYMONT

Sydney Arnold
Discharge Clerk.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

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WX 4761 CPL

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Numbered A 23741

Date -3 FEB 1944

Signature

A. H. Bell

