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**Title: MCCALLUM CHARLES REGINALD : Service Number - VX15241 : Date of birth - 24 Jul 1907 :  
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AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES

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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR SPECIAL FORCES RAISED FOR SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA OR ABROAD.

Army No. VX 15241

Surname McCALLUM  
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Other Names Charles Reginald.

Unit 2/14th Btn.

Enlisted for service at ..... (Place)

Victoria. (State) ..... (Date)

A

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

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. What is your name? .....   | 1. Surname <u>McCALLUM.</u><br><small>(BLOCK LETTERS)</small>   |
|   | Other names <u>Charles Reginald</u>   |
| 2. Where were you born? .....   | 2. In or near the town of <u>Foster.</u><br>in the state or country of <u>Victoria.</u>   |
| 3. Are you a natural born or a naturalized British Subject? If the latter, papers are to be produced .....  | 3. <u>British</u>   |
| 4. What is your age and date of birth? .....  | 4. Age <u>32 - 10/12 years.</u><br>Date of Birth <u>24/7/1907</u>   |
| 5. What is your trade or occupation? .....  | 5. <u>Farmer.</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>22nd Inf. Btn. Still serving.</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>McCALLUM. Peter Nicol</u><br>Address <u>Tarra Valley via Yarram.</u><br><u>Victoria.</u><br>Relationship <u>Father</u> |
| 9. What is your permanent address? .....  | 9. <u>Tarra Valley via Yarram. 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>Pres.</u>  |

**I,** Charles Reginald McCallum 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] Captain  
(Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer) [Signature] 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.

*Handwritten:* A.W.F. 14/5/40

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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 SEYMOUR Date MAY 14 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, Charles Reginald McBallum 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 Charles Reginald McBallum

Subscribed at Bairfield in the State of Victoria  
this sixteenth day of May 19 40

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.



DECEASED

DATE 8.9.42

PLACE N.G.

NATURE OF DEATH K.I.A

[Signature]

COMPONENT OFFICER, CHIEF OF  
Army Medical Records Office  
Seymour, Central Victoria

22/10/42

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NAME McCALLUM. C.R. No. VX15241

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VX 15241

(SINCE DIED OF WOUNDS)

Pte. (now A/Cpl.) McCALLUM, Charles Reginald - 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.

APPROVED FOR AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL (IMMEDIATE).

For two days to 29th August 1942, at ISURAVA, the 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn. had repulsed attack after attack by the Japanese on our positions. Heavily reinforced after the initial stages, the Japanese attacks became heavier and more fierce each time.

On 29th August instructions had been issued to 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn. they must deny the area to the enemy, while 39th Bn. and elements 53rd Bn. were extricated. The instructions included the order that the enemy would be held off at all costs. 'B' Coy. 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn. was in a forward position, on slightly raised ground overlooking the L. of C. Four times during the day the Coy had been off this ground and each time they had counter attacked and recovered the positions.

VX.15341 Pte. Charles Reginald McCALLUM had participated in all these operations and at 1730 hrs had been wounded three times, but was still manning his Bren L.M.G. and a T.S.M.G. he had acquired from a wounded comrade. At this stage the enemy launched a particularly heavy attack, the fighting becoming extremely savage and the forward posts being lost and won again. Finally the weight of the enemy reinforcements prevented us from regaining the ground lost and our troops were becoming extremely exhausted. Pte. McCALLUM continued to provide covering fire with his weapons, and, when at last the order came to withdraw, he remained behind to cover the withdrawal of his Pl. He had his T.S.M.G. on his left shoulder, and with his Bren stalled off enemy rushes, and, when the magazine ran out, the enemy rushed him but he swung the T.S.M.G. forward with his left hand and sprayed the advancing enemy, checking them while he placed a full magazine in the Bren with his right hand. Having emptied the T.S.M.G. McCALLUM brought his Bren into action again and continued firing until all the troops in the platoon area were clear. The enemy were so close in one of their rushes on the position, one of them tore his utility pouches off as he wrenched himself away. Finally, members of his platoon called to him they were all clear and McCALLUM came back bringing both his weapons with him. Altogether it is estimated he alone killed at least 25 Japanese.

At all times in action, McCALLUM was admirably calm and steady. On this occasion his utter disregard for his own safety and his example of devotion to duty and magnificent courage was an inspiration to all our troops in the area. His gallant stand and the number of casualties he alone inflicted checked the enemy's advance and allowed the withdrawal to proceed unhindered and without loss.

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 A CERTIFY THAT  
 ORIGINAL OF WHICH IT  
 THAT I AM THE OFFICER HAVING  
 ORIGINAL.

*Distinguished Services Medal*

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

SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

Army No. VX 15241

Unit 2/14 Btn

Rank *Private* (On Enlistment) *pte. 1/10/41*

Christian Names *Charles Reginald*

Surname *McCALLUM* (Block Capitals)

Officer-in-Charge District Office  
 Southern Command (3 M.D.)

Date of Enlistment *16/5/40.*

Place *Caulfield*

Date of Birth *24/7/1907*

Place of Birth *Foster Victoria*

Trade or Occupation *Farmer*

Religion *Pres*

Marital Condition *Single*

Next of Kin *McCallum Alice Mary*

Address of Next of Kin *Terra Valley via Yarram Victoria*

Relationship *Mother*

*7409*

Medical Classification—*Class IX*  
 (On Enlistment)

Identification—Colour of Hair *Black* Eyes *Blue*  
 Appendix scar on *right* side. Small scar on left shin

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS SPACE

Date	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 W 3011, B 2069, or other Document	Signature of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
	From whom received	Class I.					
16/5/40	O.C. R.R.D.	Class I.	Taken on strength R.R.D.	16/5/40	C field	R.O. 97/38/40 M.	
20.5.40	<i>1/2 2/14 Bn</i>	<i>Class IX</i>	<i>Posted to 2/14 Bn</i>	<i>20.5.40</i>	<i>Pueba</i>	<i>W 3011 13/10/40</i>	
30.7.40	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Admitted (Pueba)</i>	3.7.40		<i>R 09/66/45</i>	
13.7.40	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Discharged to Unit</i>	7.7.40		<i>A 36 1/40 R 0 46/135/40</i>	
25.10.40	<i>E.S.O</i>	<i>Class IX</i>	<i>Embarked per 'Agoutania' by day to stern command.</i>	<i>19.10.40</i>	<i>Hydney</i>	<i>A 206</i>	
25.11.40	<i>Apr 50</i>	<i>Class IX</i>	<i>Disembarked</i>	<i>25.11.40</i>	<i>Pueba</i>	<i>W 3011 1/131</i>	
7.4.41	<i>do</i>	<i>Class IX</i>	<i>Graded 4, troop III Omer Mechanic</i>	<i>25.11.40</i>	<i>Jubis</i>	<i>W 3011 27/1209</i>	
20.9.41	<i>do</i>	<i>Class IX</i>	<i>Relinquished Troop III Omer Mechanic.</i>	<i>16.9.41</i>	<i>Wade Hill</i>	<i>W 3011 65/2308</i>	
10.9.41	<i>2/1 A.C.C.S.</i>	<i>Class IX</i>	<i>Evacuated 2/1 Bn at bearing Sh-jandee + Apr 10 x Lieut</i>	<i>22.8.41</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>A 36 67/2879</i>	
1.9.41	<i>1 A.C.S.</i>	<i>Class IX</i>	<i>Evac 2/1 A.C.C.S. to 1 A.C.S. + returned to unit</i>	<i>31.8.41</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>W 3034 X 49/882</i>	
11.9.41	<i>do</i>	<i>Class IX</i>	<i>Discharged 1 A.C.S. + returned to unit</i>	<i>10.9.41</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>W 3011 67/2910</i>	
16.9.41	<i>2/14 Bn</i>	<i>Class IX</i>	<i>Rejoined unit from 1 A.C.S. + struck off 2 Lieut</i>	<i>14.9.41</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>W 3011 67/2910</i>	
30.1.42	<i>Apr 50</i>	<i>Class IX</i>	<i>Embarked ME</i>	<i>29.1.42</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>W 5169 1/390</i>	

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*Outing awarded Medal*

*ALCA-  
VX15241  
F.E. McCallum Charles Reginald*

REPORT		Date	From whom received	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 airthrough, &c.).	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority W.3011, B.2089, or other Document	Signature of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
24.3.42	2/14 Bw			Disembarked 4 MD	24.3.42	10MD	W5169	1/390 d
7.5.42	102 AGH			Evacuated 102 Aust Gen Hosp. mumps + 4 flk x 4 x 4	2.5.42		W3034	7/1829 d
25.5.42				Discharged 102 Aust Gen Hosp. + returned to unit	25.5.42			X82170 d
27.5.42	2/14 Bw			Rejoined unit from 102 Aust Gen Hosp. + struck off x list	26.5.42		W3011	11/2715 d
14.8.42				Disembarked Brisbane SS James Wilson	6.8.42		0204	19/3718 d
28.9.42				Disembarked Port Moresby	12.8.42	NG	A206	19/3718 d
14.10.42				Wounded in Action - GSW head, leg + arm	29.8.42		W3014/11	22/4373 d
14.9.42				Reported Missing in Action + Admitted to x list	10.9.42		W3014/18	23/5015 d
20.10.42				Transferred to 4th	1.9.42		W3011	21/5119 d
28.10.42				Ref 23/5015, previously reported Missing in Action on 10.9.42 now			W3014/20	26/5143 d
28.10.42				Reported Killed in Action			W3014/27	30/15118 d
5.11.42	Cas Sec			Reported Killed in Action	8.9.42		W1	20/3242 d
				Unknown, now reported Killed in Action				
				Ref 30/5015 Reported New Guinea, Map Reference - Kagi- Nauru 423693	7.10.42			
24.12.42	440 lines			Ammer distinguished Ammer Medal (cont)				
3.3.43	2/14 Bw			Widow awarded D.C.M.	31.1.43	Aust		C WFTS d
10.5.43	"			Ref 32/0203/42 Returned Brigade Hill				
10.6.44	"			War Cemetery NG. Row B. Graves	29.3.43	NG.	R/019	4168
				Ref 19/4168/43 Reburied Grave No 7				
				Plots, Block B, Bomana War Cemetery	1.5.44	"		19/0226

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS SPACE.

F. E. SMITHELLS  
Lieut,  
for Officer in Charge  
Victoria Echelon and Records

D.2434/5.30-C.4786.

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RECORDS		

Tarra Valley  
Via Yarram.  
Sth Gippsland  
B-4-1943.

To Lieut. Col.,  
Officer-in-Charge Records.

Dear Sir

VX15241  
I am writing to ask you if you could tell me the name of the place where my son A/Cpl McCallum Charles Reginald was killed and where was he buried. Trusting you will be able to let me know I am his father

and you will  
Oblige  
R. H. McCallum.

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District Records Office,  
Victoria L of C Area.

A.D.F.O.,  
Victoria L of C Area,  
M e l b o u r n e.

1. Please acknowledge receipt of A.A. Form 131 purporting to contain the Will of the undermentioned deceased member of the A.I.F.

No. VX 15241

Rank

Pte

NAME

McCallum C.R.

Unit

2/14

Date 22/10/42

W. J. Lewis Capt.  
O.C. Deceased Members Section

STATEMENT BY VX15605 PTE DUNFORD A.E.

I am VX15605 Pte A.E.DUNFORD. I was with No.12 Pl HQ and was just behind the Section to which VX15241 pte CHARLES REGINALD McCALLUM was part. All through the day we had been heavily attacked. It was now about 1730 hrs when a particularly fierce attack was launched by the enemy. By this time Pte McCALLUM had been wounded in the Forehead, the Leg and the Arm. He was in a position just on the edge of a small ridge from here I saw him firing both his LMG and the TSMG which he had obtained earlier in the day. He remained in the position during this attack, firing at the enemy whenever they pressed in. When the order to withdraw came pte McCALLUM remained behind to give us covering fire. Even when we were well clear he still stayed behind to fire at the enemy and so make doubly sure we were well away. I actually saw him grappling with one of the enemy who managed to tear his pouches off before he got away. Sjt MATTHEWS, our Platoon Comd, had called out several times for him to withdraw but it was not till he had used up all the ammunition did he return bringing back both the weapons.

*A.E. Dunford* pte.  
2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

3 Oct 42.

The above statement was made in my presence.

*W. L. Thompson* Capt.  
2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

STATEMENT BY VX61826 PTE WILLIAMS A.J.

I am VX61826 pte A.J.WILLIAMS. I saw pte CHARLES REGINALD McCALLUM on 29th August 1942. He was in his position firing his L.M.G. every time the enemy attacked. I saw him obtain a T.S.M.G. and fight his way to the reserve ammunition. It was at the withdrawal at 1800 hrs that I saw pte McCALLUM holding the enemy back. He was firing rapidly. He was using the T.S.M.G. when the magazine on the Bren ran out, and as he did this he would place a full magazine on the Bren. It was not till we had all got away that he withdrew. Sjt MATTHEWS called to him several times to withdraw but he seemed to be taking every advantage to inflict casualties on the enemy. I know he was wounded three times during the day, and just before he withdrew, one of the enemy rushed at him and grappled with him. He killed this Japanese soldier before he could free himself from his clutches, as the Japanese soldier had pulled his utility pouches up around his neck.

VX61826

Williams. A.J. pte

2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

3 Oct 42.

I certify that the above statement was made in my presence.

*W. Pittman*

Capt.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

STATEMENT BY VX17620 PTE PENMAN J.

I am VX17620 pte J. PENMAN. I was in VX15241 pte CHARLES REGINALD McCALLUM's Section on 29th August 1942, and alongside of him the whole day. During the day pte McCALLUM remained with his L.M.G. firing fiercely at every attempt made by the enemy to break into our lines. It was about 1730 hrs when the enemy put in his fiercest attack. Although pte McCALLUM had been wounded three times he still continued to man his L.M.G. Earlier in the day he obtained a T.S.M.G. from a wounded comrade and used it to fight his way back to the reserve ammunition dump. When he returned, he kept the T.S.M.G. and used both it and his L.M.G. to fire at the enemy. I saw pte McCALLUM remain behind to cover our withdrawal and I am certain the volume of the fire from his weapons kept the enemy away. It was about 1800 hrs when Sjt MATTHEWS called to him to withdraw. Just then I saw a Japanese soldier rush in to grapple with pte McCALLUM. He pulled himself free and killed the enemy soldier.

VX 17620

*J. Penman Pte*  
2/14 Aust Inf Bn

3 Oct 42.

I certify that the above statement was made in my presence.

*G. Thompson* Capt.  
2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTES

- (a) Each member of the Military Forces and the A.A.N.S., must make a will on the prescribed form unless he or she already has a valid one in existence, in which case the relevant certificate on the form of will must be rendered. See A.I.F. Standing Orders, Australian Imperial Force 1940, para. 89, and Standing Orders for Mobilization 1924, para. 37 (e).
- (b) When a member is in actual military service (that is when a state of war exists and the member has taken some step towards joining the field forces)—
  - (i) he may, whether over or under the age of 21 years, dispose of all his property (including land) by will;
  - (ii) such will need not be witnessed, except where there is a disposition of land situated in South Australia;
  - (iii) alterations made before signing a will should be initialled by the member making the will and the witnesses (if any). If it is desired to alter a will which has been signed a new will must be made and the instructions contained in these Notes followed.
- (c)
  - (i) a witness to a will must not be a beneficiary or the husband or wife of a beneficiary;
  - (ii) any person whether mentioned as a beneficiary in the will or not can be appointed an executor of a will. The duty of the executor when probate is granted by the Court is to distribute the property of a deceased member in accordance with the instructions given in the will;
  - (iii) should the member desire to leave his or her property to one person the following can be written in the appropriate place "I give all my property to \_\_\_\_\_ and if the member desires to leave a legacy as well, the following words can be used "I give £ \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and the remainder of my property to \_\_\_\_\_"
  - (iv) normally a will is revoked by marriage and hence a member who marries after making his or her will is required to make a new will. Note, however, that where a member, whose permanent home is in N.S.W., Victoria or Tasmania, has made a valid will which sets out that it is made in contemplation of marriage to a named person and the member marries that person, such marriage will not revoke the will.
- (d) Free legal advice and services are available to members of the Military Forces through the Law Institutes in all capital cities. For addresses of such Institutes see paragraph 5 of M.B.I. A92 of 1941.

(COPY)

A.A.F. A.130.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Dated 10th, JUNE 19 40

WILL

of

Charles Reginald McCallium.

Under Standing Orders for Mobilization, 1924, para. 37 (e), and Standing Orders, A.I.F., para. 89.

19

day of

Dated the

of (3) 2nd A.I.F.

Unit 2/14 Battalion

No. VX15241

Charles Reginald McCallium

(1) Full name, surname last.

(8) Name of person hereby certify that I have already made a valid will which is held by (8) holding will.

(4) Address of person of (4) holding will.

(5) Signature of member.

(The Notes and Certificate on the back should be read before the will form is filled in.)

(1) Full name, surname last. THIS IS THE LAST WILL of me<sup>(1)</sup> Charles Reginald McCALLUM

(2) Private address. No. VX 15241 Unit 2/14 Bat of<sup>(2)</sup> A.I.F.

I HEREBY REVOKE all former wills and other testamentary dispositions

(3) Full name and address of executor or executors. heretofore made by me. I APPOINT<sup>(3)</sup> Alice McCALLUM Tarra Valley YARRAM State of Victoria Married woman Executrix & Trustee of this WILL.

(4) Set out here the names and addresses of the persons to whom you wish to leave your property and how you wish it to be divided or dealt with. executor(s) of this my will<sup>(4)</sup> I give devise and bequeath all my real and personal property of whatever nature and wherever situated to my mother the said Alice McCALLUM.

(5) Fill in date. <sup>(5)</sup>As witness my hand this 10th day of JUNE 1940

(6) Usual signature of person making will. SIGNED by the above-named Testator as and for his (her) last will and testament in the presence of us both present at the same time who at his (her) request in his (her) presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses. <sup>(6)</sup> (Signed) C.R. McCALLUM.

(7) Usual signature and address of 1st witness (if necessary). <sup>(7)</sup> (Signed) Alice McCallum Tarra Valley via YARRAM.

(8) Usual signature and address of 2nd witness (if necessary). <sup>(8)</sup>

