

Personal service records: countries other than Australia

Sometimes Australians served with the forces of another country. In these cases the service records will be held by the relevant organisation in that country.

Canada

Personnel Records Unit
 National Archives of Canada
 395 Wellington Street
 Ottawa Ontario K1A ON3
 CANADA

First World War attestation papers are available online from the National Archives of Canada website [www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/Pages/introduction.aspx].

New Zealand

Pre-1920 records	Archives New Zealand PO Box 12050 Wellington NEW ZEALAND Website: archives.govt.nz Email: general.enquiries@dia.govt.nz War (Archives New Zealand Reference Guide 3) [archives.govt.nz/sites/default/files/War_-_A49571.pdf]
Post-1920 records	Personnel Archives and Medals Private Bag 905 UPPER HUTT NEW ZEALAND Email: nzdf.pam@nzdf.mil.nz Website: Military personnel records and medals [www.nzdf.mil.nz/personnel-records/default.htm]

Details of New Zealanders who have died in conflicts from South Africa (Boer War) to East Timor can be found on the Cenotaph database [www.aucklandmuseum.com/130/cenotaph-database]. The Cenotaph Database is primarily a roll of honour of those who died as a result of war service, but also includes some personnel who have died since.

South Africa

1881-1902	SA Defence Force Archives Private Bag X615 Pretoria SOUTH AFRICA 0001 The SA Defence Force Archives are not open to the public, but you may write to obtain information.
First and Second World	Documentation Service Directorate Private Bag X 289

Wars	Pretoria SOUTH AFRICA 0001 You need permission from the person concerned or from the eldest living relative to obtain information from these records.
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United States

National Archives & Records Administration
700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington DC 20408
USA

Useful resources for researching your relative's military service:

- Researching your relative's military service [www.archives.gov/research/military/genealogy.html]
- Requesting veterans' service records [www.archives.gov/veterans/index.html]
- Rootsweb frequently asked questions on First World War [freepages.military.rootsweb.com/~worldwarone/faqs.html]

United Kingdom

The National Archives [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/looking-for-person/default.htm] provides guidance on researching people, including army, navy, and air personnel, marines, prisoners of war, and merchant seamen.

Post-1920 records	Ministry of Defence Veterans' Agency provides addresses to contact for post-1920 records for each service. [www.gov.uk/get-copy-military-service-records]
Pre-1920 records	The National Archives Kew Richmond Surrey TW9 4DU UNITED KINGDOM Phone: +44 (0) 20 8876 3444 Email: enquiry@nationalarchives.gov.uk [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/]
Merchant Navy	Royal Museums Greenwich produce research guides to assist with research into the Merchant Navy. [www.rmg.co.uk/researchers/library/research-guides/the-merchant-navy]

Germany

Military personal records from 1867 - 1945 and from 1955 are held at Das Bundesarchiv (Federal Archive) in Freiburg, Germany.

Please note that Das Bundesarchiv may respond to enquiries in German. If you are unable to read or write German you may need to employ a translator. Das Bundesarchiv maintains lists of regional research agencies [www.bundesarchiv.de/benutzung/recherchedienste/index.html.en] who may be employed to undertake research at the archive on your behalf.

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Wiesentalstraße 10
79115 Freiburg
GERMANY
Phone: 0761/47817-0
Fax: 0761/47817-900
E-Mail: militaerarchiv@bundesarchiv.de
Website: <http://www.bundesarchiv.de/index.html.en>

Useful resources for researching your relative's military service with German armed forces:

- Das Bundesarchiv: Personal Archives/Genealogy
[www.bundesarchiv.de/benutzung/sachbezug/personenbezogen_genealogie/index.html.en]
- Addresses for information and research on Second World War German soldiers, units and those missing or killed in action [www.feldgrau.com/contacts.html]
- How to find information on German soldiers from World War I and World War II
[genealogy.stackexchange.com/questions/3915/how-to-find-information-on-german-soldiers-from-world-war-i-and-world-war-ii]

Other countries

- Addresses for some other countries are available on the Department of Veterans' Affairs World War 2 Nominal Roll Database website: www.ww2roll.gov.au/doc/contacts.aspx
- Enquiries concerning a veteran of another country's armed forces may be directed to the embassy or consulate of that country. Addresses can be found in the telephone directory.
- First World War additional resources for records information:
 - Christina K. Schaefer, *The Great War: a guide to the service records of all the world's fighting men and volunteers* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing, 1998). (Research Centre Reading Room R940.3 S)