

## **Fighting the Kimberley. The 3 Australian Corps Kimberley Guerrilla Warfare Group 1942-1943.**

By Peter J Bridge. Published 2012.

### **Errata and additions from relatives of the men involved and readers of the book.**

**R. Garrett.** Pages 107, 108. For Lanji read Langey. Page 110 Bottom photo should read in order – Jack Curran, Sgt Tom Street, George Dupre. Page 109 Group top left shown as M Garrison should be 29 Garrison.

**Rachel Oxenburgh.** Page 294. George Lewis. “He was not my father’s (R.G. Percy) brother in law. He was the brother in law of our neighbour, EPC Lacy, who had also walked off his station due to the drought. Page 298 The Lacy correction continues with Lt Creswell. Think it must have been Evan Creswell who was also connected to Ted. (Brother in law I think.) I do remember him telling me about patrolling the Kimberley coast and finding signs of Japanese landing. (Long after the war but he said it was still not to be talked about.)

**Wendy Rayner.** Page 307. Her father, Jack Arnott’s old address was Bawden Street, not Baldwin Street, Willagee.

**Kaye Lush.** Pages 169, 332. I feel this refers to me as the transcriber, and should therefore read Mr Kaye Lush.

**Geoff Blackburn.** Page 281. There are anomalies in the army enrolment form birth dates of the D’Antoinies and Hunter. These queries will be addressed in a forthcoming book on the beachcombers of the Kimberley coast by Geoff Blackburn.

**Bruce Benjamin Bryant.** Bruce was missed in the compilation of the nominal roll. He was born in Perth, 7 May 1923, not 1922 as per the Army roll. His father, Benjamin Davies Bryant, was in insurance and stockbroking, and his grandfather, Captain Benjamin Bryant, a well-known mining manager. He was part of Mitchell’s GWG. WX29828. He joined in 1942 and was at the Melville camp with the 16<sup>th</sup> Bn. (Cameron Highlanders) then to the GWG. Went with Unmack around stations in a jeep, Pilbara, Mt House, to Carnarvon. Brother in law, Sharp, owned Mardie Station. R. Sharp was in 9<sup>th</sup> Division at Tobruk. His maternal grandfather, H. Nathan was a veterinary surgeon, an associate of Ernest Giles, and treated his camels. After the Kimberley he was with the 2/11 Intelligence section and was wounded three times in New Guinea. Post war he was a rubber planter in British North Borneo, then worked in Singapore and joined the Liaison Regiment as a Subaltern. On returning to Perth he was a sub-contractor to a plumber and later in business and broking. He has compiled his memoirs.



**Gaden Rose** supplied a photo of the Noonkanbah Cup, an engraved artillery shell presented on the 13 August 1944. The winner was ‘Copyland’ from Rose’s Liveringa station.

**Bill Grayden.** The transcription of an interview with Bill Grayden contains his reminiscences of his association with Major Mitchell and his time with the GWG. Battye Library OH 2580/1. Pages 49-53. 1989.  
**Geoff Wharton.** The *People* magazine, 18 June 1952, contains a good four page article on Major Mitchell.  
**R. Garrett. List of Residents residing in Derby WA in June 1942.** Following air raids by Japanese aircraft in March 1942, most European women and children were evacuated from Derby to Perth by aircraft or the State ship *Koolinda*. Remaining residents seem to have reacted by forming a very active VDC and carrying on as normal.

Mrs Blechynden.	Manager Club Hotel. (?part aboriginal)
?	Manager Port Hotel
Elderly lady ?	Emporium. Small general goods, tobacco etc.
Mr McGovern.	McGovern & Thompson. General goods and gallon licence. Manager & one other. Electric power supply, ice works, butcher shop, shaved ice drinks.
Chinese tailor.	
Ah Chee family.	Baker and road transport
Mr Rowell.	General agent for various activities.
Hugh Watt.	Chairman of Road Board.
Jack? Ifauld & Mary wife.	Secretary of Road Board.
?	Post Master.
?	Telephone linesman.
Mr J. Chandler ?	Wharfinger { wharf manager)
Dr Musso.	
Two nurses.	Derby Hospital
Walsh ? Family.	Superintendent Derby Leprosy hospital {husband wife and daughter
Nuns. [two?]	Leprosy hospital
Sgt Dewar. Const Reg Carr.	[perhaps one other]
Evans family.	Husband road worker, wife (part aboriginal. Mother was 'Old Ada'. Sister married a Perth doctor.) and two or three small children.
Mr and Mrs Bunce.	Occupation unknown.
Biddy Seriago.?	Domestic.
Jack Vladich.	Occupation unknown.
Howard Reynis.	Mechanical repairs.
Charlie Groves.	Public Works Dept. Residence next to water tower, Derby. Passenger on <i>Koolama</i> enroute to Wyndham when ship bombed. Suffered heart attack and flown to Melbourne for treatment. His family was evacuated from Derby to Perth on the <i>Koolinda</i> . Ship called in to Broome to pick up more evacuees, some from air raid. Passengers on the <i>Koolinda</i> believed a rumour that they would not be attacked because the ship had once rescued Japanese seamen.

The above list may not be accurate or complete having been compiled from memory of events that occurred seventy years past. 21 March 2012.

**Geoff Wharton** writes – “The WW2 Nominal Roll website is a great starting point and we in Australia are very fortunate to have it, compared with the paucity of access to British military records. However, through the work I have been doing on Queensland militia and VDC units, I have discovered that the nominal roll missed people who were serving in the militia at the outbreak of war and who for various reasons resigned or retired before enlistments for full time service were introduced.

The other significant issue is that the officer's record of service is missing from many of the VDC service records that I have checked. This means that the WW2 roll will sometimes show their non-commissioned rank at discharge, rather than their commissioned rank. Fortunately most of the gaps there can be filled by reference to the various official Australian Military Forces publications after late 1943.”

He has compiled the following on the officers of the GWG. I could not find these men in the nominal roll as mentions of them in the GWG files and documents did not include their initials or Christian names.

## Officers of 3 Australian Corps Guerilla Warfare Group, Australian Imperial Force.

Information compiled by Geoff Wharton for Peter Bridge, March 2012.

### Introduction

This nominal roll is limited to commissioned officers and has been compiled mainly from the Australian Military Forces publication *Appointments, Promotions, Etc.* which only commenced in August 1943.<sup>1</sup> The nominal roll is incomplete as there may have been terminations and relinquishments prior to the commencement of the above publication. The author has only included officers listed in official publications and he has not had access to all the potential sources of information, such as Army General Orders. The Australian War Memorial holds the General Orders of the Australian Military Forces.

The author was inspired to prepare this roll when reading Peter Bridge's excellent compilation of accounts and biographies regarding the 3rd Australian Corps Guerilla Warfare Group's patrols in the Kimberley region, Western Australia during the Second World War. The author's copy of *Fighting the Kimberley: The 3 Australian Corps Kimberley Guerilla Warfare Group 1942-1943* (Carlisle, WA: Hesperian Press, 2011) was a generous gift from a former OC, Kimberley Squadron, Norforce, Major Mac Jensen RFD (retired). Of the eleven officers included in the nominal roll below, only three – Greenwell, Millen and Wood – are not included in the biographies in *Fighting the Kimberley*.

The 3rd Australian Corps, Australian Imperial Force was formed at Perth, Western Australia on 15 April 1942.<sup>2</sup> The Corps Commander was General H.G. Bennett, CB, CMG, DSO, VD. The 3 Aust Corps war diary appendices record that on [2] October 1942, a signal was sent from Corps Headquarters to Major Mitchell at Shaw River, Port Hedland, stating 'Establishment 3 Aust Corps Guerilla Warfare Group approved as submitted....Corps Commander has recommended to LHQ that you command Guerilla Group'.<sup>3</sup> The following month, the war diary noted on 2 November that 'Maj. G.D. MITCHELL commanding 3 Aust Corps Guerilla Gp to come under comd of Area Comdt. N.W. Aust for ops and adm. This will apply only when unit in N.W. Area'.<sup>4</sup>

The 3 Aust Corps location statement for November 1942, contained in the appendices of the 3 Aust Corps war diary, gave the headquarters of 3 Aust [Corps] Guerilla Warfare Gp as Broome. It appears, based on the dates that Major Mitchell held the unit's command appointment, that the 3 Aust Corps Guerilla Warfare Group operated from 24 October 1942 to 29 December 1943.<sup>5</sup> The War Establishment of one Major, one Captain and fourteen Lieutenants issued for 3 Aust Corps Guerilla Warfare Group on 1 October 1942 stated that the 'establishment is designed to provide officers and other ranks for command, administration and training of V.D.C. units in 3 Australian corps area'.<sup>6</sup> George Deane Mitchell (1894-1961) served in the First AIF in the 10th and later 48th Battalions and was awarded a DCM and an MC.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Australian Military Forces. *Appointments, promotions, etc.*, (1943) to (1946), Headquarters, Allied Land Forces.

<sup>2</sup> War diary 3 Australian Corps General Staff Branch, April 1942, Item 1/4/12, Series AWM52, Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

<sup>3</sup> 3 Australian Corps was formed to replace Western Command, Australian Military Forces, as a result of orders issued by the Commander-in-Chief Australian Military Forces, General Sir Thomas Blamey on 9 April 1942. Palazzo, Albert. *The Australian Army: a history of its organisation 1901-2001*. South Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 2001, p. 167.

<sup>4</sup> War diary 3 Australian Corps General Staff Branch, October 1942, Item 1/4/12, Series AWM52, Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

<sup>5</sup> War diary 3 Australian Corps General Staff Branch, November 1942, Item 1/4/12, Series AWM52, Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

<sup>6</sup> Major George Deane Mitchell, MC, DCM, [Majors on the Active List], *Gradation list of officers of the Australian Military Forces: Active List*, Volume 1, 18 January 1945, p. 147.

<sup>7</sup> 3 Australian Corps Guerilla Warfare Group, War Establishment (Provisional), 1 October 1942, Department of Defence Establishment Records, Item V/19F, Series A10857, National Archives of Australia, Canberra.

<sup>8</sup> A brief biography was prepared for the *Australian Dictionary of Biography* by Bill Gammage. See the ADB website at <<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/mitchell-george-deane-11137>>. See also 'The amphibious digger' *People* [magazine], Vol. 3, no. 8 (18 June 1952), pp. 24-27.

The sources used to compile this nominal roll include:

Australian Military Forces. *Appointments, Promotions, Etc.* Headquarters, Allied Land Forces. List No's. 4 (18 November 1943), 7 (9 December 1943), 10 (30 December 1943), 13 (20 January 1944), 14 (27 January 1944), 16 (10 February 1944), 68 (8 February 1945).

Australian Military Forces. *Gradation list of officers of the Australian Military Forces: Volume I The active list*, 18 January 1945, p. 147 and *Volume II*, p. 765.

Australian Military Forces. *Gradation list of officers of the Australian Military Forces: Volume II Reserve of Officers; Retired List [etc]*, 7 March 1946, p. 1392.

Australian Military Forces. *Regimental lists and manning tables of officers on the active list: Volume No. 1, 15th October, 1944*. Adelaide: Government Printer, 1944 and *Regimental lists and manning tables of officers on the active list: List No. 2. Volume No. 1, 29th March, 1945*. Adelaide: Government Printer, 1945.

*Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, No. 115 (16 April 1942), pp. 935-936.

Department of Veterans Affairs website World War 2 Nominal Roll at <<http://www.ww2roll.gov.au>>.

National Archives of Australia website Record Search at <<http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/using/search>>.

### Abbreviations

adm = administration

AIF = Australian Imperial Force

Aust = Australian (when placed before a unit name, this denoted an AIF unit)

Bn = Battalion

comd = command

Gp = Group

GWG = Guerilla Warfare Group

LHQ = Land Headquarters

Maj = Major

ops = operations

WA = Western Australia

Name	Service Number	Date and Place of Enlistment	Ranks / Promotions and Postings	Termination Dates from 3 Aust Corps Guerilla Warfare Group and/or Subsequent Other Units
Bayliss, William  (Note: Service record has <u>not</u> been digitised by NAA)	WX15361		Lieutenant, 10 Australian Garrison Battalion. Appointed Platoon Officer, 3 Aust Corps, GWG on secondment?	Relinquished appointment to 3 Aust Corps, GWG on 1 November 1943.
Fleay, Henry Elijah  (Note: Service record has <u>not</u> been digitised by NAA)	WX12890		Lieutenant, 44 Aust Infantry Battalion, AIF. Appointed Platoon Officer, 3 Aust Corps, GWG on secondment, date unknown.	Relinquished appointment to 3 Aust Corps, GWG, ceased to be seconded from 44 Aust Infantry Battalion and transferred to 19 Aust Garrison Battalion on 21 October 1943.
Greenwell, Mark Pritchard.	NX116623 (previously N11113)		Appointed Lieutenant (on probation), Royal Australian Artillery	Relinquished appointment to 3 Aust Corps, GWG on 27 November 1943.

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(Note: Service record has <u>not</u> been digitised by NAA)			(Militia) (Field), 13 March 1942. Seconded from the Militia to the AIF from 18 July 1942 to 17 December 1945. Lieutenant, 7 Aust Field Regiment, AIF. Appointed Instructor, 3 Aust Corps, GWG, 8 March 1943 to 26 November 1943. Appointed Instructor, 4 Aust Reinforcements Training Battalion (Jungle Warfare), 16 December 1943 to 2 August 1944. Appointed Quartermaster, Aust Water Transport Training Centre, 3 August 1944 to 24 January 1945.	
Lewis, George Anker  (Note: Service record has <u>not</u> been digitised by NAA)	WX17643		Lieutenant, 10 Aust Garrison Battalion. Appointed Platoon Officer, 3 Aust Corps, GWG on secondment, date unknown.	Relinquished appointment to 3 Aust Corps, GWG on 6 January 1944.
MacDonald, James David  (Note: Service record has <u>not</u> been digitised by NAA)	NX109069		Lieutenant, A.C. of Signals, 2 Australian Division. Appointed Signals Officer, 3 Aust Corps, GWG on secondment, date unknown.	Relinquished appointment to 3 Aust Corps, GWG on 27 November 1943.
Millen, Arthur Wallace  (Note: Service record <u>not</u> found on NAA website, but summary is listed in WW2 Nominal Roll)	WX800	11 November 1939 Northam, WA	Lieutenant, 44 Aust Infantry Battalion, AIF. Appointed Intelligence Officer, 3 Aust Corps, GWG on secondment, date unknown.	Relinquished appointment to 3 Aust Corps, GWG on 29 December 1943.
Mitchell, George Deane, MC, DCM  (Note: Service record has been digitised by NAA)	NX156027	Army records for militia officers serving on a part-time basis at the beginning of the	Appointed Captain, Reserve of Officers (Infantry), 8 July 1940, 13 Battalion (Militia), 26 August 1940 and appointed Adjutant of the	Relinquished command of 3 Aust Corps, GWG on 29 December 1943. Discharged from Australian Military Forces, 28 February 1946.

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		<p>Second World War are sometimes inaccurate or incomplete. Based on his service records and the <i>Gradation List of Officers of the Australian Military Forces: Active List</i>, Volume 1, 18th January 1945, it appears that George Mitchell had served in the Militia during the inter-war period, then was reappointed as a Captain in the Militia on 8 July 1940. He appears to have served on a part-time basis until 20 January 1941. The World War 2 Nominal Roll only shows his enlistment in the AIF on 11 January 1943 at Mount Lawley, WA and does not show his previous Second World War service in the Militia. The Headquarters of 3 Aust Corps was at Mount Lawley in January 1943.</p>	<p>battalion from 26 August 1940 to 9 January 1941. Enlisted for full time service in the Citizen Military Forces on 20 January 1941. Transferred to Australian Armoured Corps, 31 March 1941. Appointed Liaison Officer, Headquarters, Home Forces, 31 March 1942 to 21 April 1942. Appointed General Staff Officer III (Liaison) at Headquarters, 3 Australian Corps, 22 April 1942 to 23 October 1942. Promoted Major, Australian Armoured Corps (AIF), 1 September 1942. <b>Appointed to command 3 Aust Corps Guerilla Warfare Gp, 24 October 1942 to 29 December 1943.</b> Seconded from the Militia to the AIF, 11 January 1943. Transferred to 43 Aust Water Transport Operating Company (Landing Craft), 29 December 1943.</p>	
<p>Scott, David Swan</p> <p>(<u>Note</u>: Service record has <u>not</u> been digitised by NAA)</p>	WX19158		<p>Lieutenant, 44 Aust Infantry Battalion, AIF. Appointed Instructor, 3 Aust Corps, GWG on secondment, date unknown.</p>	<p>Relinquished appointment to 3 Aust Corps, GWG on 27 November 1943.</p>
Smith, Frank	WX17663		Lieutenant, 44 Aust	Relinquished appointment to 3 Aust

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Murphy McKay  (Note: Service record has <u>not</u> been digitised by NAA)			Infantry Battalion, AIF. Appointed Platoon Officer, 3 Aust Corps, GWG on secondment, date unknown.	Corps, GWG on 5 January 1943. Note: This may be a misprint and should read 1944.
Thomson, David Munro  (Note: Service record has <u>not</u> been digitised by NAA)	WX12637		Lieutenant, 16 Aust Infantry Battalion, AIF. Appointed Instructor, 3 Aust Corps, GWG on secondment, date unknown.	Relinquished appointment to 3 Aust Corps, GWG on 27 November 1943.
Wood, Harry Allen James  (Note: Service record has been digitised by NAA)	WX36178		Lieutenant, 28 Australian Infantry Battalion, AIF. Appointed Adjutant and Quartermaster, 3 Aust Corps, GWG on secondment?	Relinquished appointment to 3 Aust Corps, GWG on 12 October 1943.

### Officers and Other Ranks of 11th Western Australian Battalion, Volunteer Defence Corps.

Information compiled by Geoff Wharton for Peter Bridge, March 2012.

Note: Apart from the Shadforths and other men who enlisted at *Liveringa* station, this nominal roll is limited to commissioned officers. It should be possible to expand the roll to include many other ranks by using the Department of Veterans' Affairs WW2 Nominal Roll website (by searching for groups of service numbers and by place of enlistment). Also note that the WW2 Nominal Roll only lists the unit at time of discharge, therefore service records for men who were posted to other VDC units after serving in 11th Western Australian Battalion, or who transferred to the Militia or AIF, are more difficult to find. Nevertheless, my theory is that due to the nature of their enlistment and reserved occupations on cattle stations in the Kimberley region, most of the men would not have served in any other unit.

Once service numbers for members of 11th Western Australian Battalion are known, the National Archives of Australia website could be searched using the service number to find any relevant service records that have been digitised.

Although most official records described the battalion as 11th Western Australian Battalion, VDC, some records gave the title as 11th North West Battalion, VDC. Further research in Western Australian VDC records held by the Australian War Memorial would be required to ascertain the date of establishment of 11th Western Australian Battalion, but it appears that the earliest enlistments were made in March 1942 and the unit operated until at least the end of 1944. Appointments of some of its officers were not terminated until 1945.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> There is set of records held by the Australian War Memorial entitled [Volunteer Defence Corps – Defence Roles (including reports):] History of Western Australian VDC, at Item 1008/2/53 [subdivided into numerically sequential parts], Series AWM54, which may include information about 11th Western Australian Battalion, VDC.

*Group 1942-1943* (Carlisle, WA: Hesperian Press, 2011) was a generous gift from a former OC, Kimberley Squadron, Norforce, Major Mac Jensen RFD (retired).

The sources used to compile this nominal roll include:

Australian Military Forces. *Appointments, Promotions, Etc.* Headquarters, Allied Land Forces. List No's. 5 (25 November 1943), 14 (27 January 1944), 20 (9 March 1944), 21 (16 March 1944), 66 (25 January 1945).

Australian Military Forces. *Gradation list of officers of the Australian Military Forces: Volume I The active list*, 18 January 1945, p. 133 and 7th March 1946, p. 725. Australian Military Forces. *Gradation list of officers of the Australian Military Forces: Volume III Reserve of Officers; Retired List [etc]*, 18 January 1945, pp. 1120 - 1124, 1157, 1163 - 1164, 1169, 1172 - 1173, 1177, 1507.

Australian Military Forces. *Regimental lists and manning tables of officers on the active list: Volume No. 1, 15th October, 1944.* Adelaide: Government Printer, 1944, p. 964.

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### Abbreviations

AIF = Australian Imperial Force  
 Bn = Battalion  
 VDC = Volunteer Defence Corps  
 WA = Western Australia

Name	Service Number	Date and Place of Enlistment	Ranks / Promotions and Postings	Termination Dates from 11 WA Bn and/or Subsequent Other Units
Bell-Blay, William John	W74663	23 March 1942 <i>Liveringa</i> station	Private	29 December 1944.
Bowden, Donald Jackson	W74708	22 March 1942 <i>Liveringa</i> station	Private	17 March 1944
Bryan, Aidan Hugh	W53994	29 May 1943 Leederville	Appointed Acting Lieutenant, 11 WA Bn, VDC, 22 February 1944.	Appointment terminated 31 December 1944.
D'Antoine, Henry Harry	W74803	18 July 1942 <i>Liveringa</i> station	Private	29 December 1944
D'Antoine, Thomas	W74802	18 July 1942 <i>Liveringa</i> station	Private	8 December 1944
Davidson, William Gordon	WX30936	Already serving in the Militia when the Second World War commenced. Enlisted in the AIF on 29 July 1942, Swanbourne, WA	Lieutenant, 28 Bn (Militia), 9 November 1936. Captain 28 Bn, 21 February 1939. Posted to 5 Australian Garrison Bn, 30 March 1942. Temporary Major, 5 Australian Garrison Bn, 26 April 1942. Seconded to the AIF 29 July 1942. Major 5 Australian Garrison	7 May 1945, 11 WA Bn, VDC.



Name	Service Number	Date and Place of Enlistment	Ranks / Promotions and Postings	Termination Dates from 11 WA Bn and/or Subsequent Other Units
			Bn, 1 September 1942. <b>Appointed to command 11 WA Bn VDC, 9 February 1944.</b>	
Dicks, Harold Griffiths	W74902	22 January 1943 Port Hedland	Appointed Captain, 11 WA Bn, VDC, 3 June 1943.	Appointment terminated 31 December 1944.
Duckrell, Frederick Henry	W243419	31 May 1940 Jarrahdale	Appointed Lieutenant, 11 WA Bn, VDC, 16 December 1942. Appointed Temporary Captain, whilst holding appointment of Adjutant and Quartermaster, 11 WA Bn, VDC, 24 February 1944. Appointed Adjutant and Quartermaster, 13 WA Bn, VDC, 20 February 1945.	Posted from 11 WA Bn to 13 WA Bn, VDC, 19 February 1945. Discharged 9 May 1946.
Godbehear, Harold Stephen	W74799	18 July 1942 <i>Liveringa</i> station	Private	29 December 1944
Gordon, Leslie Arthur	W75019	23 October 1942 <i>Millstream</i> station	Placed on Retired List (WA Reserve of Officers), 20 September 1926. Appointed Lieutenant, 11 WA Bn, VDC, 28 September 1943.	Appointment terminated 31 December 1944.
Howard, Henry Harry	W74800	18 July 1942 <i>Liveringa</i> station	Private	29 December 1944
Hunter, Eugene Ernest	W74801	18 July 1942 <i>Liveringa</i> station	Private	8 December 1944
Iles, Michael Mark	W74577	26 March 1942 <i>Liveringa</i> station	Private	29 December 1944
Killicoat, Myles	W89270	Date unknown Claremont	Appointed Lieutenant, 11 WA Bn, VDC, date unknown.	Appointment terminated 31 December 1944.
Knowles, Walter	W76787	Date unknown Kooline	Appointed Lieutenant, 11 WA Bn, VDC, date unknown.	Appointment terminated 31 December 1944.
Logue, James Pearson	W74655	22 March 1942 <i>Liveringa</i> station	Private	29 December 1944

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Lukis, Robert Fellowes	W76719	2 March 1943 Port Hedland	Appointed Lieutenant, 11 WA Bn, VDC, 5 April 1943.	Appointment terminated 31 December 1944.
McAlear, Lenin Ramsay	W74578	18 July 1942 <i>Liveringa</i> station	Private	29 December 1944
MacBolt, Maurice Macdonald	W74945	3 March 1942 <i>Ninderoo</i> station	Appointed Lieutenant, 11 WA Bn, VDC, 31 March 1943.	Appointment terminated 31 December 1944.
MacDonald, William Neil Mitchell	W74504	Date and place of enlistment unknown.	Appointed Captain, 11 WA Bn, VDC, date unknown. <sup>9</sup>	Appointment terminated 20 December 1942.
McInerney, Robert Paul	W74503	11 May 1942, Perth, WA <sup>10</sup> It appears that this date is incorrect, because Major McInerney was recruiting men into the battalion in March 1942.	<b>Major, Commanding Officer, 11 WA Bn from an unknown date until 8 February 1944.</b> <sup>11</sup> (No further details known)	Appointment terminated 8 February 1944.
Middleditch, Robert Woolfrey	W76701	30 May 1942 Port Hedland	Appointed Captain, 11 WA Bn, VDC, 9 February 1943.	Appointment terminated 31 December 1944.
Miller, Leslie Lewis	W76725	10 August 1942 Port Hedland	Appointed Lieutenant, 11 WA Bn, VDC, 24 July 1943.	Appointment terminated 31 December 1944.
Nickels, Walter Langton	W74582	18 July 1942 <i>Liveringa</i> station	Private	29 December 1944
Oldmeadow, Donald James	W88851	5 June 1943 Broome	Appointed Captain, 11 WA Bn, VDC, 9 August 1943	Appointment terminated 31 December 1944.
Piccles, Jack Walter	W74895	12 November 1942 Carnarvon	Appointed Captain, 11 WA Bn, VDC, 12 July 1943	Appointment terminated 31 December 1944.
Pope, Richard Alexander Denniston	W82141	Date and place of enlistment unknown.	Appointed Lieutenant, 11 WA Bn, VDC, 20 March 1942. Appointed Captain, 11 WA Bn, VDC, 7	Appointment terminated 31 December 1944.

<sup>9</sup> Summary of service of Captain William Neil Mitchell MacDonald, Department of Veteran's Affairs website WW2 Nominal Roll at <<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au>>.

Note: Captain MacDonald's full service record is held by the National Archives of Australia, Canberra at Item W74504, Series B884. It has not yet been opened for access or digitized.

<sup>10</sup> Summary of service of Major Robert Paul McInerney, Department of Veteran's Affairs website WW2 Nominal Roll at <<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au>>.

Note: Major McInerney's full service record is held by the National Archives of Australia, Canberra at Item W74503, Series B884. It has not yet been opened for access or digitized.

<sup>11</sup> Australian Military Forces. *Appointments, promotions, etc. List No. 20*, Headquarters, Allied Land Forces, 9 March 1944, p. 804.

Name	Service Number	Date and Place of Enlistment	Ranks / Promotions and Postings	Termination Dates from 11 WA Bn and/or Subsequent Other Units
			September 1943.	
Roberts, William	W74657	18 July 1942 <i>Liveringa station</i>	Private	29 December 1944
Rose, George Canler	W74798	Date and place of enlistment unknown.	Appointed Acting Captain, 11 WA Bn, VDC, 5 January 1944	Appointment terminated 31 December 1944.
Rose, Kimberley Clarke	W74583	18 July 1942 <i>Liveringa station</i>	Sergeant	29 December 1944
Sears, Donald James Webster	W74584	18 July 1942 <i>Liveringa station</i>	Private	29 December 1944
Senior, John Stanley	W74662	25 March 1942 <i>Liveringa station</i>	Private	29 December 1944
Shadforth, Harry <sup>12</sup>	W74576	26 March 1942 <sup>13</sup> <i>Liveringa station</i>	Private	8 December 1944
Shadforth, Henry Wilson <sup>14</sup>	W88885	12 March 1943 <sup>15</sup> <i>Liveringa station</i>	Private	29 December 1944
Shallcross, Victor Malcolm	W74922	5 October 1942 Carnarvon, WA	Appointed Acting Lieutenant, 11 WA Bn, VDC, 8 November 1943	Appointment terminated 31 December 1944.
Watson, William	W74797	18 July 1942 <i>Liveringa station</i>	Private	29 December 1944
Wood, Donald Clemond	W74711	22 March 1942 <i>Liveringa station</i>	Private	25 August 1944
Wyndham, Geoffry Alexander	W74524	20 May 1942 Port Hedland	Appointed Lieutenant, 11 WA Bn, VDC, date unknown.	Appointment terminated 31 December 1944.

<sup>12</sup> Harry Shadforth was born at Burketown, Queensland. Harry's father was Ernest Hollingworth Shadforth who served in the 4th Contingent, Queensland Imperial Bushmen, Queensland Defence Force in the Boer War, South Africa 1900-1901. Sergeant Shadforth was mentioned in despatches for bravery under enemy fire. *London Gazette*, 9 July 1901. When Harry was a young boy he was sent with his mother and two sisters to Mapoon Presbyterian Mission on western Cape York Peninsula, Queensland and raised there in the mission dormitory. In 1921 he and his wife Mackie were appointed as assistants to the missionaries at Kunmunya in the Kimberleys, WA. For many years, he was skipper of the mission sailing vessels. Harry's name is included on the Australian Military Forces nominal roll plaque at the Mapoon War Memorial, Mapoon, Queensland. For further information on Harry and his family see Wright, Edie. *Full circle: From mission to community a family story*. Fremantle: Fremantle Arts Centre Press, 2001.

<sup>13</sup> Second World War service record for Harry Shadforth, Item W74576, Series B884, NAA, Canberra. This record has been digitised and may be viewed on the National Archives of Australia website at <<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au>>.

<sup>14</sup> Henry Shadforth was Harry Shadforth's son. He was born at Port George IV Presbyterian Mission (later Kunmunya) on 28 September 1925.

<sup>15</sup> Second World War service record for Henry Shadforth, Item W88885, Series B884, NAA, Canberra. This record has been digitised and may be viewed on the National Archives of Australia website at <<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au>>.