



ATTESTATION FORM.R.O. 181/41/38A

FOR SPECIAL FORCES RAISED FOR SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA OR ABROAD.

M. F.

Army No. VX61201Surname HUTCHINS.
(BLOCK CAPITALS)Other Names Eric EverardUnit GENERAL REINFORCEMENTS A.I.F.Enlisted for service at Swan Hill (Place)Tu (State) 26. 7. 41 (Date)

A.

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

1. What is your name? HUTCHINS.1. Surname HUTCHINS.
(BLOCK CAPITALS)Other names Eric Everard2. Where were you born? Tu2. In or near the town of Swan Hill
in the State or country of Tu3. Are you a natural born or a naturalized British Subject? If the latter, papers are to be produced Yes3. Yes4. What is your age and date of birth? 19 yrs 8 month4. Age 19 yrs 8 month
Date of Birth 6. 4. 19225. What is your trade or occupation? Rural Worker.5. Rural Worker.6. Are you married, single or widower? Single6. Single

7. Give details of previous Military Service

7. A.M.F.—
No. Rank Unit

8. If now serving, give particulars

OTHER MILITARY SERVICE

No. Rank Unit

9. 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.) VAUGHAN

8. No. Rank Unit

9. Name Henry Walter HutchinsAddress Wooramen NorthRelationship Father10. What is your permanent address? Wooramen North10. Wooramen North11. What is your religious denomination? (Answer optional.) Pres.11. Pres.12. Have you ever been convicted by a civil court? No12. No13. Have you any of the following Educational Qualifications? If so, which? Stephen of Campbell's Creek. 45

1. Certificate for Entry to Secondary School

2. Intermediate

3. Leaving

4. Leaving Honours

5. Technical

6. University Degrees

7. Other Diplomas

I, Eric Everard Hutchins 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 Eric Everard Hutchins
(Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer)

* 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 certify the above-named person to be fit for Class oneClass one

Temporarily unfit.

Unfit

H. Brown (Signature)

C.

OATH OF ENLISTMENT †

I, Eric Everard Hutchins 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

Eric HutchinsSubscribed at Royal Parkin the State of Victoriathis Sixthday of August1941

Before me—

Signature of Attesting Officer

Robert Best

† 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.

Hutchins

DECEASED

DATE 20. 2. 42

PLACE Ambonia

NATURE OF DEATH Presumed
to be Dead

[Signature]
Lieut.
for Officer in Charge
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I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IT PURPORTS TO BE A COPY, AND THAT I AM THE OFFICER HAVING THE CUSTODY OF THE ORIGINAL.

SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

VX61201

Army No.

Unit *2/21 BN*

Eric Everard

HUTCHINS

Surname (Block Capitals)

Officer-in-Charge District Record (On Enlistment)

Southern Command (3 M.)

Date of Enlistment *6/8/41*

Place *Royal Park*

Date of Birth *6/4/1922*

Place of Birth *Swan Hill Vic.*

Trade or Occupation *Rural Worker*

Religion *Presbyterian*

Marital Condition *Single*

Next of Kin *Henry Walter Hutchins*

Address of Next of Kin *Woornen North. (WOORINEN NTH)*

Vic.

Relationship *FATHER*

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

Identification—Colour of Hair

Eyes

Distinctive Marks

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
Date	From whom received					
<i>6/8/41</i>	<i>OCRRD.</i>	<i>Taken on strength R.R.D.</i>	<i>6/8/41</i>	<i>ROYAL R.O. 181/41/38A</i>	<i>460/41 R.O. 181/41/38A</i>	<i>2/21 BN</i>
<i>" 8.41</i>	<i>DO</i>		<i>" 8.41</i>	<i>DO PARK. 43011</i>		
<i>25.8.41</i>	<i>DO</i>		<i>24.8.41</i>	<i>DO</i>		
<i>30.8.41.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Transf'd. to 6th Inf. Bn</i>	<i>29.8.41</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>488/41 200/41/38A</i>	<i>2/21 BN</i>
<i>28.8.41</i>	<i>6th Bn</i>	<i>do from R.R.D.</i>	<i>30.8.41</i>	<i>Darling</i>	<i>406/41 R.O. 112/41/303</i>	
<i>21.9.41</i>	<i>S.C. Inf. D.</i>	<i>Transf'd out to 2/21 BN.</i>	<i>1.10.41</i>	<i>Melb</i>	<i>A.206</i>	
<i>13.10.41</i>	<i>2/21 Bn</i>	<i>Marched in 7MD and taken on strength</i>	<i>10.10.41</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>W3011 6647 R.O. 112/41</i>	<i>2/21 BN</i>
<i>13.12.41</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Embarked for service overseas</i>	<i>13.12.41</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>A206 R.O. 15/41</i>	
<i>11.5.42</i>	<i>S.HQ 28th</i>	<i>Disembarked.</i>	<i>17.12.41</i>	<i>Ambon</i>	<i>10/824.</i>	
<i>20.4.42</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Missing</i>	<i>2.2.42</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>2/873</i>	<i>2/21 BN</i>

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A.C. EUROPE STAR
ITALY STAR
FRANCE & G. STAR
PACIFIC STAR
BURMA STAR
DEFENCE MEDAL
WAR MEDAL
A.S.M.

DECEASED

WHOM DESPATCHED

Parcel No.

DATE 13-2-50

RECEIPT

Sig.

DATE

-3443-9/46-710m

SUMMARY OF LAHA MASSACRES.

1. ORDERS FOR THE EXECUTION OF ALLIED PSW.

Sometime between 3 FEB 42 and the morning of 6 FEB 42 orders were given by Rear Admiral HATAKEYAMA as Commander 24 Naval Base Special Force to Capt HATAKEYAMA as Commander of the Combined Forces who in turn passed them on to Lt NAKAGAWA the Officer Commanding 1st Kure Landing Party for the execution of all Allied PSW in the Japanese hands on the HITOS Peninsular.

2. CARRYING OUT OF THE EXECUTION ORDERS.

(a) First Massacre

Date: 6 Feb 42

Time: Between 1300 and 1500 hours.

Place Near SOEWAKODA

Victims: Major NEWBURY and party Total 46

Executioners: A detachment of about 40 Japanese commanded by Lt NAKAGAWA and WO YAMASHITA. The detachment comprised 25 men of the YAMASHITA SHOTAI Platoon and 15 men of the YOSHIWARA SHOTAI Platoon. Both platoons were of the 1 and 2 SASHEO Special Naval Landing parties attached 1 KURE Landing party

NOTES (i) Some victims beheaded, some bayoneted
(ii) All executioners believed to have volunteered for the job
(iii) Motive believed to be revenge for the death of members of SASHEO Units killed in LAWA River Battle, in particular WO YOSHIWARA

REF Statement of WO HAMANISHI Shigeo (eyewitness)

(b) Second Massacre

Date: 6 Feb 42

Time: Evening

Place: Mouth of the LAWA RIVER NE of TAWIRI

Victims: Wing Cdr SCOTT and 59 AIF RAAF and Dutch PSW

Executioners: The actual executioners are not known but it is believed that WO SASAKI Kakitare OC MG Coy 1 KURE concerned as one of the Executioners, also that Capt HATAKEYAMA in charge of the executions.

Grave No. 3

REF Statement of WO HAMANISHI Shigeo

(c) Third Massacre

Date: 7/8 Feb 42

Time: Unknown

Place: Unknown

Victims: Two unidentified Aust PSW who acted as guides for Sub-Lt FUKUDA and his patrol to ALLANG.

Grave No. 3

Executioners: Unknown.

(d) Fourth Massacre

Date: 15 Feb 42

Time: App 1200 hrs

Place: SW of TAWIRI village

Victims: 135 Aust PSW.

Executioners: Believed to be party of about 100 Jap sailors the survivors, of minesweepers sunk in Bay of Ambon under command of Sub-Lt FUKUDA acting on instructions for Rear Admiral HATAKEYAMA.

REF Statements of IKEUCHI Masakiyo.

(e) Fifth Massacre

Date: 20 Feb 42 Time: Between 1100 and 1300 hrs.

Place: Between LAHA and TAWIRI Victims: App 60/70 Aust PSW.

Executioners: Unknown.

Grave No. 1 Ref: Statement of Christian NIKIJULUW.