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SUBJECT :

*Recommendations for
Awards for services rendered
during the NSW Floods 1955.*

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File Covers of approved Departmental pattern will be placed on all files coming within the following general categories:

- (a) Files containing policy decisions and directions or other important papers;
- (b) Files involving submission to the Minister for approval or decision;
- (c) Files which have developed, or are likely to develop into some size, and which are therefore liable to much handling.

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Files will be secured by paper fasteners, the ends of which will be turned down across the corner in such a manner as will prevent papers becoming detached or torn. Pins will not be used for files.

Files will be built up in proper sequence of dates—the latest paper being on top of file. Minuting of correspondence, Interbranch or Interdirectorate, will be either on the paper to which it refers directly beneath the correspondence or written or typed on Army Minute paper. All Minute sheets on files will bear the Central Registry Number on top right hand corner. Duplicates of minutes will not be placed on files. One carbon copy only of outward letters will be placed on files. The use of slips of paper on files is forbidden except where a semi official instruction or note needs to be made for guidance of Officer receiving file. In such case the slip will be detached from file by Officer receiving same.

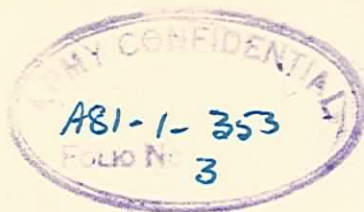
4. MARKING OF FILES.

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MEMORANDUM for:

Date: 01 JUN 1998

The Secretary,
Department of the Army

Authorized by
BRIG D.A.W. Webster, DGCM-A

AWARDS TO SERVICE PERSONNEL FOR OUTSTANDING
SERVICE IN NEW SOUTH WALES FLOODS

Reference is made to your Minister's letters of 6th and 15th June 1955 concerning the abovementioned subject.

2. As advised verbally the Prime Minister's Department has advised that the following awards to Army personnel for outstanding services in the New South Wales Floods have been approved by Her Majesty The Queen:-

O.B.E.

Major F.S. Marshall.

M.B.E.

* Lieutenant A.E. Turner

* Captain (T/Major) R.V. Thompson

* Major A.H. Thistleton

Captain (T/Major) T.G.H. Jackson (British Army).

B.E.M.

* Staff Sergeant (T/W.O) E. Hadlow

* Signaller N. Minshall.

3. Of the above, the awards marked with an asterisk are being announced in London tomorrow (22nd November) and the Prime Minister's Department is arranging a press release covering them for publication in the morning press tomorrow. The remainder will appear in the New Year List and should be regarded as confidential until announced.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

Army Number 4/109	Recommendation in respect of— * i. New Year 19X * ii. Birthday 19 * iii. Immediate Award * iv. Periodical (Operational) * v. Periodical (Non-operational) * Strike out where not applicable	(For AHQ use only) AHQ File No.
Rank Lt (Substantive)		
(Temp) (Hon)		
Christian Names (in full) ALBERT EDWARD		CAG No.
Surname TURNER (Block Letters)		LG No.
Decorations Star Corp		
Unit and Posting RAASC (HQ) E Comd Tps, RAASC)	Recommended by  (Sgd.) E. W. WOODWARD GOC Eastern Command	Honour or Award MBE MBE
Next of Kin Joan Beauchamp TURNER		
Relationship Wife		
Home Address 37 Maitland Street NARRABRI		
Date of Birth 6 Mar 20		
Date of Enlistment 10 Dec 38		

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CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place **RANDWICK N.S.W.** Date **26 May 55**

- During the flood crisis in NARRABRI from 26 Feb 55 to 6 Mar 55 Lt TURNER's conduct was deserving of the highest praise.
- When the crisis appeared imminent on 27 Feb 55 Lt TURNER mobilized the ARA Cadre staff and a group of CMF members of 115 Coy, RAASC (GT) and placed himself at the disposal of the police for essential rescue work. On his own initiative he worked throughout the night without rest, warning and evacuating people in the most dangerous areas.
- When the first flood waters reached the town he risked his life carrying a tow rope to a stranded vehicle loaded with refugees and organized a tractor to tow it to safety.
- During the days of 28 Feb 55 and 29 Feb 55 while the floodwaters were at their height he worked ceaselessly day and night organizing rescue work, and was largely responsible for setting up effective liaison with the RAAF which brought in relief supplies.
- All vehicles in the town including those of 115 Coy, RAASC, were submerged in floodwaters, but immediately the waters receded below engine level Lt TURNER personally restored three 115 Coy RAASC (GT) vehicles to working order and made them available to the Flood Emergency Committee. These vehicles were the only transport available to the Committee which could not have functioned without them.

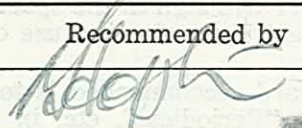
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6. Lt TURNER's conduct during the whole crisis showed a devotion to public duty far beyond what could be reasonably expected of him. He gave no thought to his own home which was submerged, but devoted his whole time and energy to helping others. His conduct has enhanced, not only his personal reputation in the NARRABRI district, but also that of the Army which he represents.

RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

Army Number <u>2/1277</u>	Recommendation in respect of— * i. New Year 19..... * ii. Birthday 19..... * iii. Immediate Award * iv. Periodical (Operational) * v. Periodical (Non - operational) * Strike out where not applicable	(For AHQ use only) AHQ File No.
Rank <u>Staff Sergeant</u> (Substantive)		
<u>Warrant Officer Class 2</u> (Temp) (Hon)		CAG No.
Christian Names (in full) <u>Erie</u>		LG No.
Surname <u>HADLOW</u> (Block Letters)		
Decorations		
Unit and Posting <u>101 Coy RAASC (MT)</u> <u>Company Sergeant Major</u>	Recommended by  <u>Major</u> <u>Area Command NEWCASTLE</u> (Sgd.) E. W. WOODWARD Lt.-Gen GOC Eastern Command	Honour or Award <u>BEM</u> <u>BEM</u>
Next of Kin <u>Margaret Ellen HADLOW</u>		
Relationship <u>Wife</u>		
Home Address <u>18 Killoon Street</u> <u>WENTWORTHVILLE</u>		
Date of Birth <u>18th December 1918</u>		
Date of Enlistment <u>AMP 28 Feb 41</u> <u>AIF 22 Jun 42 ARA 1 Jul 47</u>		

	Date Received	Date Forwarded	To be left blank for approval <u>RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF BEM</u> (Sgd) L. de L. BARHAM Major-General, ADJUTANT-GENERAL.
Brigade		<u>7 June 1955</u>	
Division			
Corps Comd	<u>8 June 1955</u>	<u>9 June 1955</u>	
Army			

CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place Sydney Date 9 Jun 55

Warrant Officer HADLOW, a member of 101 Company Royal Australian Army Service Corps was ordered to take two DUKWs to WAITLAND on Thursday 24th February 1955, to assist in flood relief duties in the Hunter River Valley area.

Warrant Officer HADLOW, working in close co-operation with the civilian authorities including the Police Department, with his DUKW crews and the Flood boats carried on his DUKWs, operated in the SINGLETON, LOCKINVAR and WAITLAND areas making numerous supply runs and rescuing a large number of people both during the days and nights of the emergency.

Warrant Officer HADLOW displayed outstanding initiative, resourcefulness and leadership on two occasions during the period. The first being the rescue of an helicopter crew, who, during operations had crashed in an area interlaced with high tension wires and over which the current was running at great speed. With consummate skill Warrant Officer HADLOW manoeuvred his DUKW for over a mile and rescued the two men of the crew. His rapid appreciation and immediate action undoubtedly saved the lives of these men.

The second occasion was in the vicinity of LOUTH PARK, WAITLAND when his wireless serial came in contact with a high tension line throwing Warrant Officer HADLOW and others out of the DUKW. Despite extreme shock Warrant Officer HADLOW returned to his DUKW and supervised the picking up of other members of the DUKWs complement who had been thrown into the water, the search of the area for two missing persons and the extinguishing of two fires on his vehicle. Warrant Officer HADLOW's leadership and calm control of the situation undoubtedly saved other lives from being lost.

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Warrant Officer BADLOW's devotion to duty, his tact and understanding in a large number of difficult situations contributed greatly to the efficient conduct of these rescue and civilizing operations and brought credit to the Australian military forces.

Date _____ Place _____

RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

Army Number <u>3/37569</u>	Recommendation in respect of— * i. New Year 19xxx * ii. Birthday 19xxx * iii. Immediate Award * iv. Periodical (Operational) * v. Periodical (Non-operational) * Strike out where not applicable	(For AHQ use only) AHQ File No.
Rank <u>Captain</u> (Substantive)		CAG No.
Temporary Major (Temp) (Hon)		LG No.
Christian Names (in full) <u>Ralph Vernon</u>		
Surname <u>THOMPSON</u> (Block Letters)		
Decorations <u>Aust Staff Corps</u>		
Unit and Posting <u>Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, HQ 8th Infantry Brigade</u>	Recommended by	Honour or Award
Next of Kin <u>Valerie THOMPSON</u>	<u>Mac</u> Lt-Col Comd Flood Emergency HQ	<u>MBE</u>
Relationship <u>Wife</u>	<u>W. J. Brown</u> Brig Comd 8 Inf Bde	<u>MBE</u>
Home Address <u>75 Mowbray Road, Willoughby, N.S.W.</u>	<u>W. J. Brown</u>	<u>MBE</u>
Date of Birth <u>8 Dec 17</u>	(Sgd.) E. W. WOODWARD	<u>MBE</u>
Date of Enlistment <u>1 Jul 49</u>		

	Date Received	Date Forwarded
Brigade	<u>7 Apr 55</u>	<u>20 Apr 55</u>
Division	<u>20 APR 1955</u>	<u>5 MAY 1955</u>
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CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place MILLERS POINT Date 6 Apr 55

Captain THOMPSON's attention to detail and devotion to duty during the HUNTER RIVER VALLEY Floods contributed greatly to the success of the whole operation.

On Thursday 24th February 1955, Captain THOMPSON as Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, 8th Infantry Brigade Group, the most senior officer of 8th Infantry Brigade Headquarters present, made a survey of the supply position, and on his own initiative arranged for the resupply of the force at SINGLETON Camp to meet any emergency that might arise. During the night, without regard to his own safety, Captain THOMPSON personally made an attempt to rescue people who were stranded on WHITTINGHAM Railway Station; this attempt failed only when Captain THOMPSON was almost swept off his feet and was rescued by others present.

Captain THOMPSON appreciated the gravity of the whole situation on Friday morning, and signalled Eastern Command Headquarters, SYDNEY, requesting that an overall commander of the SINGLETON area be appointed. He then acted as staff officer to the commander of the SINGLETON area.

During the initial period of the flood, Captain THOMPSON went for long periods without sleep and his untiring efforts and faithful attention to detail ensured that the force was fully prepared to meet any emergency. Once the area commander was appointed, Captain THOMPSON's devotion to duty was far in excess of that normally required, and the efficiency, enthusiasm and cheerfulness with which he carried out his duties was a splendid example to all in the Brigade Group.

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CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place

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RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

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Rank Major (Substantive)		CAG No.
(Temp) (Hon)		LG No.
Christian Names (in full) Alec Herbert		
Surname THISTLETON (Block Letters)		
Decorations Raise		
Unit and Posting 2 Base Ordnance Depot Ordnance Officer	Recommended by	Honour or Award
	<i>Acash</i> Lt-Col Comd Flood Emergency HQ	MBE
Next of Kin Violet May THISTLETON	<i>CS</i> Brig Comd 8 Inf Bde	MBE
Relationship Wife	<i>AM</i> <i>Thur</i> <i>Ambr</i>	MBE
Home Address Married Quarters SINGLETON, N.S.W.	(Sgd.) E. W. WOODWARD	MBE
Date of Birth 28 Sep 08		
Date of Enlistment 27 Jun 42		

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CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place **MILLERS POINT** Date **6 Apr 55**

Major THISTLETON's bravery and devotion to duty during the HUNTER RIVER VALLEY Floods at SINGLETON brought great credit to the Army.

As Officer Commanding 2 Base Ordnance Depot, SINGLETON Detachment, Major THISTLETON was placed in charge of flood relief and rescue operations. When SINGLETON Camp was isolated from the town, Major THISTLETON worked for forty eight hours to repair an old unserviceable DUKW. By his efforts and leadership the DUKW was temporarily made serviceable on 26th February 1955 and on Sunday morning at first light Major THISTLETON departed from SINGLETON Camp for the town.

Major THISTLETON took the DUKW, which was barely seaworthy, through three miles of flood water with complete disregard for his own safety, and at times was washed well off course by the force of the flood waters. The DUKW, after much trouble, rescued many people from SINGLETON and evacuated them to SINGLETON Camp and also transported stores and equipment which were urgently required into the town.

Throughout the period of the flood, Major THISTLETON worked ceaselessly without any regard to his own welfare, and his efforts brought great credit to the Army.

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CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place

Date

SIGNATURE

OFFICER

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RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

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Army Number **VB 210376**
Rank **Captain**
(Substantive)
Major
(Temp) (Hon)
Christian Names (in full) **Thomas Graeme Hogarth**
Surname **JACKSON**
(Block Letters)
Decorations **MD KOREA**
Unit and Posting **Royal Corps of Signals**
AHQ GS Branch
D Sigs SO SIGS 2
Next of Kin **Thomas JACKSON**
Relationship **Father**
Home Address **"Greenway" London Rd.**
Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, U.K.
Date of Birth **15 Oct 21**
Date of Enlistment **19 Oct 40**

Recommendation in respect of—
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(For AHQ use only)
AHQ File No.
CAG No.
LG No.

Recommended by	Honour or Award
<i>[Signature]</i> Major CSO Eastern Command	O.B.E.
(Sgd.) E. W. WOODWARD GOC Eastern Command	O.B.E.

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RECOMMENDED FOR
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CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place **HQ E Comd SYDNEY NSW** Date **8 May 55**

During the early stages of the disastrous floods in the Hunter Valley, during February 1955, Major T G H Jackson, an Officer of the Royal Corps of Signals on duty in Australia with the Royal Australian Corps of Signals, was carrying out an inspection at 1 Air Support Signal Unit's annual camp, which was held near the affected area.

Major Jackson volunteered his services to assist in the flood area in any capacity, although it was outside the duties of his office to do so. His offer was accepted, and he was sent to the Maitland area, where he organised a complete network of wireless and line communications, when all civil communications had failed. During the whole period of the disaster he personally controlled the communication centre, and accepted responsibility for the direction of flood rescue operations in the Maitland area.

This officer, a stranger to Australia, and Australian conditions, displayed such outstanding initiative, power of command, willingness to accept heavy responsibility, endurance and devotion to duty, that he won the admiration and unstinted co-operation of all Australian troops associated with him, as well as that of the civic authorities.

In substantiation of this, a copy of a letter received from the Maitland City Council is attached.

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Place

MAITLAND CITY COUNCIL

Town Clerk's Office

Town Hall

MAITLAND 3N.

28th April, 1955.

Re: Hunter River Flood - Maitland - February 1955

Dear Sir,

At the first meeting of the City Council held after the disastrous flood which this City and District experienced in February and March, 1955, reference was made in a Mayoral Minute to various services rendered by Commonwealth Services and Departments, State Government and Local Government Instrumentalities and public organisations generally, and letters expressing the Council's appreciation were sent to the Governments concerned.

Special reference was made to very excellent and efficient signal services operated under the direct control of Major Jackson, whose headquarters during the crisis were at the Town Hall, Maitland. All our normal means of communication were out of action and Major Jackson's extraordinary ability to fully appreciate the complete requirements of the situation, and his calm but firm and very effective control of a maze of difficult and dangerous operations in the organisation of assistance of all descriptions won the respect and admiration of the City Council and those civilian officials with whom he was so closely associated.

We were indeed proud to have the privilege of working with an officer who so obviously was able to efficiently organise and maintain throughout the many days of crisis, our only line of communication upon which all our many requirements for the maintenance of life and the protection of property depended; and our personal appreciation of his excellent and efficient service is unbounded.

We have much pleasure in submitting this brief account of his work during the flood period, and if it is in their province to do so, the City Council submit his name for any recognition the Army Authorities may be able to recommend.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) A S McDonald Mayor

" S J Dunklin Town Clerk

Major W Cox
Chief Signals Officer,
H.Q., Eastern Command,
S Y D N E Y.

Major MARSHALL worked tirelessly and the calm and efficient manner in which he carried out his duty and overcame all problems gave heart to the populace and was of great credit to the Army.

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Place _____ Date _____

RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

Army Number..... <u>1/70</u>	Recommendation in respect of— * i. New Year 19 * ii. Birthday 19 * iii. Immediate Award * iv. Periodical (Operational) * v. Periodical (Non-operational) * Strike out where not applicable	(For AHQ use only) AHQ File No.
Rank..... <u>Captain (QM)</u> (Substantive)		
(Temp) (Hon)		
Christian Names (in full) <u>Leslie</u> <u>Henwood</u>		CAG No.
Surname..... <u>WILSON</u> (Block Letters)		LG No.
Decorations..... <u>Nil</u>		
Unit and Posting..... <u>Quartermaster</u> <u>Sydney University Regiment</u>	Recommended by	Honour or Award
	<u>Lt Col</u> <u>Commanding</u> <u>Sydney University Regiment</u>	<u>MBE</u>
Next of Kin..... <u>Juanita Clara WILSON</u>	<u>Brig</u> <u>Comd 8 Inf Bde</u>	<u>MBE</u>
Relationship..... <u>Wife</u>	<u>Major-General</u> <u>GOC 2 Div</u>	<u>MBE</u>
Home Address..... <u>Army Married Quarters</u> <u>Georges Heights MOSMAN.</u>	<u>(Sgd.) E. W. WOODWARD</u> <u>Lt-Gen.</u>	<u>MBE</u>
Date of Birth..... <u>21 July 1904</u>		
Date of Enlistment..... <u>30 Mar 1925</u>		

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RECOMMENDED FOR
AWARD OF

Major-General

CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place..... NEWTOWN SYDNEY Date..... 5 April 1955

Captain L H WILSON, Quartermaster, Sydney University Regiment, accepted responsibilities and performed duties beyond those normally expected of his rank and appointment during the recent disastrous flooding of the HUNTER VALLEY. The flood relief activities of the Regiment were made very much more effective through the efforts of its Quartermaster, Captain WILSON, who procured and improvised the diverse tools and stores necessary for flood relief parties to operate efficiently under all circumstances. These were collected, distributed to those requiring their use, and recorded so that a relatively small figure of lost stores resulted.

Being the only formed military unit in the area, the Regiment was used as a Reception/Transit Centre for Army and other services' flood relief parties bound for NORTHERN destinations for flood relief duties. These parties of approximately 100 strong with vehicles, stores and equipment, arrived in the area with little or no notice, very often late at night. They required meals and accommodation, which, through the supervision and diligent efforts of Captain WILSON, were provided in the most efficient manner without confusion or bother. This one aspect of the flood relief assistance became one of the unit's biggest and most important duties.

Directly due to Captain WILSON's efforts was the maintenance of all necessary supplies of food and water which was strictly rationed to all in the area, so that an excellent standard, under the conditions existing, was enjoyed. The personal efforts of his

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staff working under his command are no less worthy of commendation and reflect Captain WILSON's leadership and organising ability.

Petrol for flood relief duties was urgently required and it was impossible to procure through normal channels. Captain WILSON accepted the responsibility of obtaining this vital commodity from civilian sources in SINGLETON, arranged for the petrol depot to be put into operational order and maintained an accurate record of supplies used.

Perishable food for army and civilian personnel was being lost through the failure of the electricity which supplied the cold storage facilities. Captain WILSON made the necessary arrangements with the civilian authorities, recovered from flood waters and distributed sufficient ice from the SINGLETON Ice Works to tide the whole area over a difficult period of ration shortage.

In addition to these tasks, Captain WILSON supervised the recovery of unit vehicles, stores and equipment previously lost by the regiment in the initial stages of the floods. This entailed long and arduous hours of duty beyond that normally demanded of his appointment.

The efficiency, enthusiasm and continued cheerfulness with which Captain WILSON performed these extra duties and his constant and loyal devotion to duty under conditions involving great sacrifice were an example to all serving with him and the success of the Regiment's flood relief assistance to the township of SINGLETON can be directly attributed to his personal efforts.

RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

Army Number..... 2/6505	Recommendation in respect of— * i. New Year 19..... * ii. Birthday 19..... * iii. Immediate Award * iv. Periodical (Operational) * v. Periodical (Non-operational) * Strike out where not applicable	(For AHQ use only) AHQ File No.
Rank..... Second Lieutenant (Substantive)		CAG No.
(Temp) (Hon)		LG No.
Christian Names (in full)..... Raymond Joseph		
Surname..... HILDER (Block Letters)		
Decorations..... <i>Unit Sp. Corp</i>		
Unit and Posting..... 7 Independent Field Squadron	Recommended by	Honour or Award
	<i>Acad</i> Lt-Col Comd Flood Emergency HQ	<i>MBE</i>
Next of Kin..... William John HILDER	<i>U.S. Navy</i> Brig Comd 8 Inf Bde	<i>MBE</i>
Relationship..... Father	<i>ATM</i> <i>Thur</i> <i>Antony</i> Maj. Gen GOC 2 Div	<i>MBE</i>
Home Address..... 16 Helen Street Westmead, N.S.W.	(Sgd.) E. W. WOODWARD Lt. Gen.	<i>MBE</i>
Date of Birth..... 15 Nov 32		
Date of Enlistment..... 13 Dec 52		

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CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place..... **MILLERS POINT**

Date..... **14 Apr 55**

Second Lieutenant HILDER performed meritorious service during the HUNTER RIVER Valley Floods, far in excess of that normally required of an officer of his rank.

Second Lieutenant HILDER marched in to SINGLETON Camp ahead of 8th Infantry Brigade Group Advance Party as Officer Commanding 1 Troop 7 Independent Field Squadron, Royal Australian Engineers. His task was to provide Engineer support for 8th Infantry Brigade Group with particular regard to the repair of camp roads and bridges. This task was being carried out when the flood emergency arose and men and equipment were deployed on their various tasks miles apart.

When ordered to stand by for flood relief duties, Second Lieutenant HILDER quickly concentrated his men and equipment. He took charge of the refugee unloading point on BROKE Road, where DUKWs transferred the civilian evacuees to Second Lieutenant HILDER's waiting vehicles for movement to the SINGLETON Camp reception centre.

From 27th February until 8th March, when troops were withdrawn from the town, Second Lieutenant HILDER led the Royal Australian Engineer party with the confidence and efficiency of an experienced Engineer officer. Civil authorities were often heard to ask for "the little Engineer officer" when problems of clearing Lines of Communication, demolition, bridging, water supply or house removal were being discussed. His work combined initiative with resourcefulness and, in the early stages, he showed he possessed qualities of great physical endurance.

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Having regard to Second Lieutenant HILDER's years, his share in the overall Army effort during the emergency was out of all proportion to what normally is expected of such an officer. The qualities of leadership and power of work he displayed brought great credit to the Army.

CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

Army Number <u>2/79011</u>	Recommendation in respect of—	(For AHQ use only)
Rank <u>Major</u> (Substantive)	* ix New Year 19x	AHQ File No.
	* xix Birthday 19x	
	* iii. Immediate Award	
	* xix Periodical (Operational)	CAG No.
	* xx Periodical (Non-operational)	
	* Strike out where not applicable	LG No.
Christian Names (in full) <u>John</u> <u>Anthony</u>		
Surname <u>SPRINGHALL</u> (Block Letters)		
Decorations <u>Nil</u>		
Unit and Posting <u>Officer Commanding</u> <u>C Company, Sydney University</u> <u>Regiment</u>	Recommended by	Honour or Award
Next of Kin <u>Janette Edols SPRINGHALL</u>	<u>Lt Col</u> <u>Commanding</u> <u>Sydney University Regiment</u>	<u>OBE</u>
Relationship <u>Wife</u>	<u>Brig</u> <u>Comd 8 Inf Bde</u>	<u>OBE</u>
Home Address <u>14 Ridgeland Ave</u> <u>KILLARA NSW</u>	<u>GOC 2 Div.</u> <u>(Sgd.) E. W. WOODWARD</u> <u>Lt.-Gen.</u>	<u>OBE</u>
Date of Birth <u>3 Jan 1922</u>		<u>MBE</u>
Date of Enlistment <u>1 May 1948</u>		

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CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place NEWTOWN SYDNEY Date 5 April 1955

Major J A SPRINGHALL displayed initiative, leadership and ability to command, during the recent disastrous flooding of the HUNTER VALLEY.

Major SPRINGHALL was appointed to command a detachment of fifty all ranks and report to Army Command MAITLAND to assist in flood relief duties.

On arrival in the MAITLAND Hospital area, Major SPRINGHALL placed his force at the disposal of the local Area Commander who was located in an isolated section of the town.

Major SPRINGHALL, appreciating that MAITLAND Hospital area would be a main channel of evacuation, and in the absence of further orders, employed his force in restoring the essential services, particularly hygiene and sanitation to the Hospital, previously disrupted by flood water; sorting and distributing clothing to evacuees, packing and unpacking air drop supplies, and loading and unloading DUKWs operating to WEST MAITLAND. He gave all possible assistance to the police control point established at the hospital and virtually took over the control and organisation of this vital evacuation centre.

The varied tasks performed by this force, such as the provision of radio operators, traffic control, the organisation and security of the Dropping Zone for essential supplies, sorting of drugs by pharmacy students, transportation of stores to GRETA and the assistance to the PMG Department technicians in the laying of a telephone cable from the Hospital across the viaduct to the flood

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relief centre at MAITLAND Town Hall, are some examples of the initiative and leadership displayed by this officer in effecting the maximum relief possible with the force at his disposal.

While engaged in the organisation of the DUKW unloading centre, Major SPRINGHALL suffered a compound fracture of the right index finger, but in spite of this injury, maintained command and control of his force at all times, and continued his efforts to organise the evacuation centre.

The high praise given by the Civic Authorities of MAITLAND to the personnel and Commander of this force, show the complete success of Major SPRINGHALL's leadership and powers of command, and this was a material factor in the flood relief assistance offered by the Army to the townspeople of MAITLAND.

RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

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Rank..... <u>Major</u> (Substantive)		CAG No.
(Temp) (Hon)		LG No.
Christian Names (in full)..... <u>John Desmond</u>		
Surname..... <u>TREVETHICK</u> (Block Letters)		
Decorations.....		
Unit and Posting..... <u>R. Aust Inf</u> <u>17/18 Infantry Battalion</u>	Recommended by	Honour or Award
Officer Commanding Support Company	<u>Mac</u> Lt-Col Comd Flood Emergency HQ	<u>MBE</u>
Next of Kin..... <u>Gwen TREVETHICK</u>	<u>Brig</u>	<u>MBE</u>
Relationship..... <u>Wife</u>	<u>Comd 8 Inf Bde</u>	<u>MBE</u>
Home Address..... <u>43 Darlington Road</u> <u>Kings Cross. N.S.W.</u>	<u>Major Gen</u>	<u>MBE</u>
Date of Birth..... <u>20 Jun 18</u>	<u>GOC 2 Div</u>	<u>MBE</u>
Date of Enlistment..... <u>10 Aug 38</u>	(Sgd.) E. W. WOODWARD	<u>MBE</u>
		Lt. Gen.

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CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place..... MILLERS POINT Date..... 14 Apr 55

Major J D TREVETHICK performed duties during the HUNTER RIVER Valley Floods far in excess of that normally demanded from an officer of the Citizen Military Forces.

When it became apparent that large scale evacuation of SINGLETON townspeople would be necessary, a warning order was issued to the Advance Parties of 17/18 and 30 Infantry Battalions to prepare "C" and "D" Blocks of SINGLETON Camp for the reception and accommodation of women and children from SINGLETON. Major TREVETHICK was appointed to command the 17/18 Infantry Battalion party at this stage, and was also responsible for the co-ordination of the task in both Blocks.

Major TREVETHICK's organising ability and zeal were largely responsible for the quick and efficient change-over of roles by these advance parties. Within a few hours, they were ready to receive evacuees and supplied hot meals, dry clothes and accommodation with all facilities, to all sections of the community.

During the eight days in which evacuees were quartered in the camp, Major TREVETHICK exceeded the normal course of duty in his devotion to the task in hand. He personally controlled the reception of evacuees during the first 24 hour emergency period, then set a fine example of disregard for personal rest and comfort to ensure the maximum comfort of others in distress.

Major TREVETHICK's resourcefulness and calm efficiency ensured that this unconventional Army role was carried out with the best possible results. The high regard which the local populace has for the Army as a result of the establishment of the reception centre can be directly attributed to this officer's personal efforts.

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Place

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RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

Army Number <u>2/257291</u>	Recommendation in respect of— * i. <u>New Year 19</u> * ii. <u>Birthday 19</u> * iii. Immediate Award * iv. <u>Periodical (Operational)</u> * v. <u>Periodical (Non operational)</u> * Strike out where not applicable	(For AHQ use only) AHQ File No.
Rank <u>Captain</u> (Substantive)		CAG No.
(Temp) (Hon)		LG No.
Christian Names (in full) <u>BERNARD</u> <u>LIONEL LONSDALE</u>		
Surname <u>GOSPER</u> (Block Letters)		
Decorations		
Unit and Posting <u>ADSF HQ (also) 2 HQ</u> <u>seconded Coy Cond HQ 14 Inf Bde</u>	Recommended by	Honour or Award
	<u>John W. Cairns</u> Cond 14 Inf Bde	<u>MBE</u>
Next of Kin <u>Mrs B L GOSPER</u>		
Relationship <u>Wife</u>	<u>AM The Duke</u> Maj. Gen.	<u>MBE</u>
Home Address <u>72 Jenner Parade</u> <u>HAMILTON</u>		
Date of Birth <u>13 Nov 1902</u>	(Sgd.) <u>E. W. WOODWARD</u> GOC Eastern Command	<u>MBE</u>
Date of Enlistment <u>15 Apr 40</u>		

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AWARD OF

CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place NEWCASTLE Date 3 May 55

Captain GOSPER, Officer Commanding Headquarter Company Headquarters 14 Infantry Brigade, was ordered to report to NEWCASTLE Police Station on Friday 25th February 1955 as Army Liaison Officer. NEWCASTLE Police Station was the controlling civil authority for the flood areas of WAITLAND, SINGLETON, DUNHAM and MURRUMBidgee.

The liaison duties required that Captain GOSPER inform Army Area Command NEWCASTLE of the situation, police action being taken to meet new developments and generally assist the authorities in every way possible. In carrying out these duties Capt GOSPER remained on duty continuously for over forty eight hours, thereafter being relieved for only short periods until Friday 4th March 1955.

Captain GOSPER so effectively carried out his duties that he became an integral part of Police Headquarters passing orders and instructions on behalf of the Superintendent of Police and informing other civil authorities of the action being taken, or proposed, to meet local emergencies.

His devotion to duty, his tact and diplomacy in handling a large number of difficult situations contributed greatly to the efficient conduct of flood rescue and civil relief operations and brought credit to the Australian Military Forces.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

Army Number 2/61545	Recommendation in respect of— * i. New Year 19xx * ii. Birthday 19xx * iii. Immediate Award * iv. Periodical (Operational) * v. Periodical (Non-operational) * Strike out where not applicable	(For AHQ use only) AHQ File No.
Rank Lieutenant (Substantive)		CAG No.
(Temp) (Hon)		LG No.
Christian Names (in full) Russell Nelson		
Surname CROOK (Block Letters)		
Decorations Barret Inf	Recommended by Mac Lt-Col Comd Flood Emergency HQ Brig Comd 8 Inf Bde Gen (Sgd.) E. W. WOODWARD Lt.-Gen.	Honour or Award
Unit and Posting 17/18 Infantry		MBE
Battalion Officer Commanding		MBE
Medium Machine Gun Platoon		MBE
Next of Kin Lillian Emily CROOK		MBE
Relationship Wife		
Home Address 38 Riverview Parade, Harbord, W.S.W.		
Date of Birth 21 Oct 16		
Date of Enlistment 3 Jun 43		

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Brigade	15 Apr 55	20 Apr 55
Division	20 APR 1955	5 MAY 1955
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AWARD OF

CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place **MILLERS POINT** Date **14 Apr 55**

Lieutenant R N CROOK was one of a party of officers and Other Ranks sent to SINGLETON township immediately access was gained from the camp. Their task was to make contact with police and civil officers in charge with a view to co-ordinating Army participation in the relief work.

An Army Control Headquarters was established at the Police Station, and Lieutenant CROOK carried out the duties of Adjutant; he also controlled the wireless link on the main emergency net. This enabled the officer commanding the party to carry out his duties around the town without interruption.

When the Headquarters was moved from the Police Station to the Public School nearby, Lieutenant CROOK, being a Police Officer himself in civil life, was invaluable as a Liaison Officer with the Police. He continued to perform his duties on the Headquarters in a calm and efficient manner, allotting priority to the huge volume of civil wireless traffic according to its importance, working for long periods without rest.

During the last few days of the Army's assistance in this area, Lieutenant CROOK assumed command of the Headquarters. His ability to handle with dignity any situation requiring a maximum of tact was again proved beyond doubt. His gift for coping with difficult situations was mainly responsible for the Army maintaining excellent relations with the civic authorities at this stage. Lieutenant CROOK performed his duties throughout the emergency in a most calm and efficient manner, and contributed greatly to the success of the whole operation.

AWARDS

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CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place

Date

RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

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Army Number..... <u>2/7009</u>	Recommendation in respect of— * i. New Year 19..... * ii. Birthday 19..... * iii. Immediate Award * iv. Periodical (Operational) * v. Periodical (Non - operational) * Strike out where not applicable	(For AHQ use only) AHQ File No.
Rank..... <u>SIGNALMAN</u> (Substantive)		
(Temp) (Hon)		CAG No.
Christian Names (in full)..... <u>NEVILLE</u>		LG No.
Surname..... <u>MINSHALL</u> (Block Letters)		
Decorations..... <u>NIL</u>		
Unit and Posting..... <u>1 AIR SUPPORT SIGNAL UNIT</u> <u>OPERATOR WIRELESS AND LINE</u>	Recommended by <u>2nd Lt Jackson Major</u> <u>OC Troops Maitland</u>	Honour or Award <u>BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL</u>
Next of Kin..... <u>DOREEN MARGARET MINSHALL</u>	(Sgd.) <u>E. W. WOODWARD</u> GOC Eastern Command	<u>BEM</u>
Relationship..... <u>WIFE</u>		
Home Address..... <u>Corner SMITH AND LEA STREETS</u> <u>MORNINGTON RURAL - MORNINGTON - N.S.W.</u>		
Date of Birth..... <u>17 OCTOBER 1927</u>		
Date of Enlistment..... <u>20 OCTOBER 1952</u>		

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CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place.....MAITLAND - NEW SOUTH WALES

Date.....24 FEBRUARY TO 4 MARCH 1955

During the civil emergency caused by the flooding of the Hunter River Valley, Sigm MINSHALL embarked as Wireless Operator on a DUKW on Thursday 24 Feb 55 and after 48 hours hard physical work in which several lives were saved was moved into the Town Hall Maitland where he took over as operator on the control station of the Army Rescue Net.

Maintaining rigid discipline on the net by day and night, he continually directed DUKWS Helicopters and other rescue craft, showing a sense of duty and powers of decision and command far beyond a soldier of his rank and service.

He averaged 18 hours per day on the set for the next five days and would sleep only when ordered. He accepted responsibilities without question and with qualities born of the gravity of the situation led Junior Officers and Senior NCO's in such duties as would normally be the task of a Senior Officer. By his devotion to duty and constant alertness throughout the crisis, he was responsible for saving an unknown number of lives and directing relief to many other members of the civil population.

His efforts were directly responsible for cementing the good relationship which existed between the Army rescue teams and the civilian relief authorities and in so doing he contributed to the high reputation of the Royal Australian Corps of Signals personnel engaged in the operation.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

Army Number <u>2/4254</u>	Recommendation in respect of— * i. <u>New Year 19</u> * ii. <u>Birthday 19</u> * iii. Immediate Award * iv. <u>Periodical (Operational)</u> * v. <u>Periodical (Non-operational)</u> * Strike out where not applicable	(For AHQ use only) AHQ File No.
Rank <u>SERGEANT</u> (Substantive)		
(Temp) (Hon)		
Christian Names (in full) <u>PATRICK DAVID</u>		CAG No.
Surname <u>BUCKLEY</u> (Block Letters)		LG No.
Decorations <u>2 Aus Sigs</u>	Recommended by <u>John W. ...</u> <u>AM ...</u> (Sgd.) E. W. WOODWARD Lt. Gen.	Honour or Award
Unit and Posting <u>AAA Instructor</u> <u>L Troop 2 Div Sig Regt</u>		<u>BEM</u>
Next of Kin <u>Wife</u>		<u>BEM</u>
Home Address <u>Married Quarters</u> <u>175 ...</u>		<u>BEM</u>
Date of Birth <u>12 Jul 24</u>		
Date of Enlistment <u>14 Nov 50</u>		

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Brigade		3 MAY 1955
Division	3 MAY 1955	5 MAY 1955
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RECOMMENDED FOR
AWARD OF

Major-General

CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place NEWCASTLE NSW

Date 3 May 55

Sergeant BUCKLEY, an AAA Instructor attached to L Troop 2nd Division Signal Regiment, was ordered to take a truck to EAST HAITLAND on Friday, 25th Feb 55, to assist in the evacuation of civilian personnel from the flooded areas. During the day Sergeant BUCKLEY towed many vehicles to safety, in addition to making numerous supply and rescue runs.

At night fall Sergeant BUCKLEY was instructed to obtain a wireless set from NEWCASTLE and establish a wireless station that night at EAST HAITLAND and to maintain communication with WEST HAITLAND and NEWCASTLE. The wireless station was established then manned continuously by Sergeant BUCKLEY without rest or relief for over 48 hours, during the critical period of the flood. This wireless station was a vital link in the flood control net-work.

After a short break of only a few hours on the Sunday night Sergeant BUCKLEY continued to man the wireless station until ordered to leave his post on Thursday 3rd March.

Sergeant BUCKLEY's outstanding devotion to duty, both in active rescue operations and in manning a vital wireless station, contributed greatly to the efficient conduct of flood operations and brought great credit to the Australian Military Forces.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

Army Number <u>2/121777</u>	Recommendation in respect of— * i. New Year 19..... * ii. Birthday 19..... * iii. Immediate Award * iv. Periodical (Operational) * v. Periodical (Non-operational) * Strike out where not applicable	(For AHQ use only) AHQ File No.
Rank <u>Warrant Officer Second Class</u> (Substantive)		CAG No.
(Temp) (Hon)		LG No.
Christian Names (in full) <u>Sydney Kenneth</u>		
Surname <u>DOGGER</u> (Block Letters)		
Decorations <u>Rauk hys</u>		
Unit and Posting <u>2 Division Signal</u>	Recommended by <u>Meach</u> Lt-Col Comd Flood Emergency HQ <u>Brig</u> Comd 2 Inf Bde <u>Gen</u> GOC 2 DiV. (Sgd.) E. W. WOODWARD Lt.-Gen.	Honour or Award
Regiment Squadron Sergeant		BEM
Major 1 Squadron		BEM
Next of Kin <u>Eldrith Jane DOGGER</u>		BEM
Relationship <u>Wife</u>		BEM
Home Address <u>3 Cavendish Street</u> <u>Concord West. N.S.W.</u>		
Date of Birth <u>17 Mar 15</u>		
Date of Enlistment <u>19 Jul 42</u>		

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AWARD OF

CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place MILLERS POINT Date 14 Apr 55

During the daylight hours of 24th February, when it became apparent that normal communication with SYDNEY would be cut, Warrant Officer DOGGER was instrumental in setting up the station "ARMY - SINGLETON", initially, as an out station.

Working long hours as an operator, Warrant Officer DOGGER was able to make radio contact on another set with two 12/16 Hunter River Lancer DUKWs operating in SINGLETON area, passing messages for them at a critical period before dawn on 25th February.

This Warrant Officer was one of the first into the marooned town when floodwaters subsided; he operated the Police Station wireless link at a busy period, getting a minimum of sleep during three days.

Once the floodwaters had subsided sufficiently for reclamation work to commence on telephone lines, Warrant Officer DOGGER was switched from wireless to line work. He inspired the line team which he operated in conjunction with PMG technicians, and their work played a big part in the restoration of several country exchanges as well as subscriber service in the SINGLETON area.

Warrant Officer DOGGER's work was of a nature and continuity far beyond the normal course of duty. In the carrying out of directions from unit officers as well as in tasks performed on his own initiative, he set a standard which ensured a high place for the Royal Australian Signal Corps' contribution to flood emergency work in SINGLETON area.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

Army Number <u>2/57513</u>	Recommendation in respect of— * i. New Year 19... * ii. Birthday 19... * iii. Immediate Award * iv. Periodical (Operational) * v. Periodical (Non-operational) * Strike out where not applicable	(For AHQ use only) AHQ File No.
Rank <u>Staff Sergeant</u> (Substantive)		CAG No.
(Temp) (Hon)		LG No.
Christian Names (in full) <u>Patrick James</u>		
Surname <u>O'TOOLE</u> (Block Letters)		
Decorations <u>Raised Inf</u>		
Unit and Posting <u>30 Infantry Battalion</u> <u>Caterer</u>	Recommended by	Honour or Award
Next of Kin <u>Elsie May O'TOOLE</u>	<u>Meach</u> Lt-Col Comd Flood Emergency HQ	<u>BEM</u>
Relationship <u>Wife</u>	<u>U.S. Brig</u> Comd 8 Inf Bde	<u>BEM</u>
Home Address <u>7 Perris Street</u> <u>Annandale, N.S.W.</u>	<u>W.P. Thw. Jank</u> GOC 2 Div	<u>BEM</u>
Date of Birth <u>22 Jul 24</u>	(Sgd.) E. W. WOODWARD	<u>BEM</u>
Date of Enlistment <u>13 Sep 48</u>		

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CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place MILLERS POINT Date 14 Apr 55

Staff Sergeant O'TOOLE, Caterer of 30th Infantry Battalion, was one of approximately twenty soldiers marooned in SINGLETON township when the floodwaters rose sharply on 24th February and isolated SINGLETON town from camp. The party was concentrated at the railway station by the senior officer and it was decided that they should look after the refugees, mainly women and children, arriving from the lower parts of the town.

The main task of the party was the provision of meals, and Staff Sergeant O'TOOLE cheerfully took over this duty, producing food and feeding between 600 and 800 civilians for three days. Although water rose to the platform, parties organised or led by Staff Sergeant O'TOOLE waded out and returned with vegetables, carcass meat, bags of flour and one live heifer which was slaughtered.

Staff Sergeant O'TOOLE's qualities of leadership combined with his organising ability was responsible for the Army maintaining this section of the community on SINGLETON railway station for three days.

His efforts to cope with a most difficult catering crisis, assisted only by members with no cooking experience whatsoever, were indicative of his ability to improvise. The results achieved were much appreciated by those who took refuge at the station, and they have been unstinting in their praise of this Non Commissioned Officer's qualities of leadership and organising ability.

Staff Sergeant O'TOOLE carried out duties on SINGLETON railway station far beyond the normal course of duty, and his service brought great credit to the Army as a whole.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

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Rank <u>Cpl</u> (Substantive)		CAG No.
<u>Sgt</u> (Temp) (Hon)		LG No.
Christian Names (in full) <u>Vivian</u> <u>Vinecent Edward</u>		
Surname <u>YANDELL</u> (Block Letters)		
Decorations <u>RAASC</u>		
Unit and Posting <u>115 Coy RAASC (GT)</u> <u>Platoon Sgt</u>	Recommended by <u>[Signature]</u> Lt.-Col. <u>Comd Tps RAASC</u>	Honour or Award <u>BEM</u>
Next of Kin <u>Patricia Janet YANDELL</u>	(Sgd.) <u>E. W. WOODWARD</u> Lt.-Gen. <u>GOC Eastern Command</u>	<u>BEM</u>
Relationship <u>Wife</u>		
Home Address <u>31 Dangor Street,</u> <u>NARRABRI.</u>		
Date of Birth <u>28 Mar 33</u>		
Date of Enlistment <u>NS 2 Jan 52</u> <u>CMF 8 Apr 52</u>		

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RECOMMENDED FOR
AWARD OF

Major-General
Adjutant-General

CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place RANDWICK N.S.W. Date 26 May 55

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FOLLOWING AWARDS IN CONNECTION NSW FLOOD RELIEF (.) MBE (.)
4/109 LT A.E. TURNER RAASC OC 121 SUP DEP PL RAASC 3/37569 CAPT (T/MAJ)
R.V. THOMPSON R AUST INF DAA & QMG HQ 8 INF BDE 2/40052 MAJ
A.H. THISTLETON RAAOC 2 BOD (.) BEM (.) 2/7009 L/CPL N. MINSHALL
R AUST SIGS 1 AIR SUPPORT SIG UNIT 2/1277 S/SGT (T/WOII) E. HADLOW
RAASC 101 COY RAASC (.) PROMULGATION WILL APPEAR IN LONDON GAZETTE
AND PRESS ON 22 NOV 55 (.) PLEASE INFORM CGS ALSO MEMBERS CONCERNED
(.) FURTHER APPROVAL WILL APPEAR IN NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST

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MEMORANDUM FOR:-

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARDS FOR SERVICES RENDERED
DURING NSW FLOODS FEBRUARY 1955

With reference to the telephone request by Mr. Kenney of your Department on 8th July, 1955, concerning the priority of the recommendations submitted by the Minister for the Army in connection with the abovementioned awards, I desire to inform you that the following is the order of priority in which these awards have been recommended by the General Officer Commanding, Eastern Command:-

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| 2/1277 Staff Sergeant (Temporary Warrant Officer Class 11) Eric HADLOW, Royal Australian Army Service Corps (Australian Regular Army). | 1 |
| 4/109 Lieutenant Albert Edward TURNER, Australian Staff Corps. | 2 |
| 3/37569 Captain (Temporary Major) Ralph Vernon THOMPSON, Australian Staff Corps. | 3 |
| 2/40052 Major Alec Herbert THISTLETON, Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps. | 4 |
| VB210376 Captain (Temporary Major) Thomas Graeme Hogarth JACKSON, Royal Corps of Signals (British Army). | 5 |
| 2/96505 Major Eric Sydney MARSHALL, Royal Australian Infantry Corps. | 6 |
| 2/7009 Signaller Neville MINSHALL, Royal Australian Corps of Signals. | 7 |
| 2/79011 Major John Anthony SPRINGHALL, Royal Australian Infantry Corps. | 8 |
| 2/57513 Staff Sergeant Patrick James O'TOOLE, Royal Australian Infantry Corps. | 9 |

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2/6505 Second Lieutenant Raymond Joseph
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1/70 Captain (Quartermaster) Leslie
Henwood WILSON, Royal Australian
Infantry Corps. 11

2/121777 Warrant Officer Class 11
Sydney Kenneth DOGGER, Royal Australian
Corps of Signals. 12

2/61511 Major John Desmond TREVETHICK
Royal Australian Infantry Corps. 13

2/4294 Sergeant Patrick David BUCKLEY,
Royal Australian Corps of Signals. 14

2/127801 Captain Bernard Lionel
Lonsdale GOSPER, Royal Australian Army
Medical Corps (Miscellaneous) 15

2/61545 Lieutenant Russell Nelson
CROOK, Royal Australian Infantry Corps. 16

2/703123 Corporal (Temporary Sergeant)
Vivian Vincent Edward YANDELL,
Royal Australian Army Service Corps. 17

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My dear Minister,

I desire to bring to your notice the following additional recommendation for an award in respect of acts of bravery and outstanding service rendered by a member of the Australian Military Forces during the recent flood disaster in New South Wales.

This recommendation has been submitted by the General Officer Commanding Eastern Command as a special case. Owing to certain administrative difficulties I regret it was not possible for this recommendation to be submitted with others forwarded to you on 6th June, 1955.

The General Officer Commanding, Eastern Command, considers that the services rendered by this member are of an outstanding nature and he has suggested that the recommendation should be included for consideration under the heading of "Awards for Acts of Bravery performed".

I strongly support this recommendation as worthy of special consideration and have much pleasure in endorsing it.

"Award for Act of Bravery performed"

BEM

2/1277 Staff Sergeant (Temporary Warrant Officer Class 11) Eric HADLOW, Royal Australian Army Service Corps (Australian Regular Army)

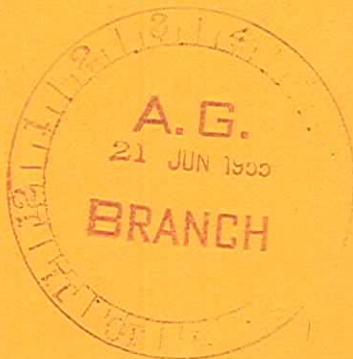
-/- I attach four copies of the Citation (AFW 3121) in respect of the abovementioned.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) JOS FRANCIS

(JOS. FRANCIS)

The Hon. Sir Philip McBride, KCMG, M.P.,
Minister for Defence,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. S.C.1.



Handwritten notes:
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A. G. H. H.
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10 June 55.

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Eastern Command,
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HONOURS AND AWARDS
SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WORK ON FLOOD RELIEF, NSW
1955

Reference E Comd 1169 of 2 Jun 55 and telecon Lt-Col
ETHEREDGE/Maj OSBORN of 9 Jun 55

1. The following supplementary special recommendation for a non-operational award for an act of bravery during flood relief operations in NSW during Feb-Mar 1955 is submitted:-

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2/1277 S/sgt (T/WO2) HADLOW, E. - 101 Coy RAASC

2. WO2 HADLOW's service during flood relief is considered to be outstanding and it should be included amongst those in paragraph 1 of E Comd memorandum of 2 Jun 55.

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MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

Parliament House,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

7th June, 1955.


My dear Minister,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6th June, 1955, forwarding a list of recommendations for awards to members of the Australian Military Forces for services rendered during the recent flood disaster in New South Wales.

I am taking appropriate action in this regard.

Yours sincerely,


(P. A. McBRIDE).



The Hon. Jos. Francis, M.P.,
Minister for the Army,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Secretary,
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

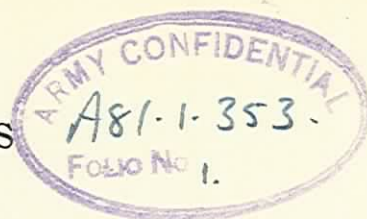
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SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WORK ON FLOOD RELIEF, NSW 1955

Reference Telecon Lt-Col ETHEREDGE/Maj OSBORN of 31 May 55

1. I submit the following special recommendations for non-operational awards for acts of bravery performed by members of the ARA and CMF during flood relief operations in NSW Feb-Mar 1955;-

MBE

	<u>Priority</u>
4/109 Lt A E TURNER - HQ E Comd Tps RAASC	1
3/37569 Capt(T/Maj) R V THOMPSON - HQ 8 Inf Bde	2
2/40052 Maj A H THISTLETON - SINGLETON Det 2 BOD	3

2. I forward additionally, the following citations which it may be necessary to hold pending the next periodical list, since they make reference only to endurance and devotion to duty and not to any specific acts of bravery;-

		<u>Priority</u>
(a)	<u>OBE</u>	
	(i) <u>ARA</u> VB 210376 Capt(T/Maj) T G H JACKSON - R Sigs - att'd D Sigs, AHQ	1 /
	(ii) <u>CMF</u> 2/96505 Maj E S MARSHALL - 17/18 Inf Bn	2 2
(b)	<u>MBE</u>	
	(i) <u>ARA</u> 1/770 Capt(QM) L H WILSON - SUR 2/6505 2/Lt R J HILDER - 7 Indep Fd Sqn (now BCFK)	3 5 2 4
	(ii) <u>CMF</u> 2/79001 Maj J A SPRINGHALL - SUR 2/61511 Maj J D TREVETHICK - 17/18 Inf Bn 2/127801 Capt B L L GOSPER - HQ 14 Inf Bde 2/61545 Lt R N CROOK - 17/18 Inf Bn	1 3 2 4 6 5 7 6 8
(c)	<u>BEM</u>	
	(i) <u>ARA</u> 2/7009 Sigm'n MINSHALL N - 1 ASSU 2/5294 Sgt BUCKLEY P D - 2 Div Sig Regt	1 4
	(ii) <u>CMF</u> 2/121777 WO2 DOGGER S K - 2 Div Sig Regt 2/57513 S sgt O'TOOLE P J - 30 Inf Bn 2/703123 Cpl (T sgt) YANDELL V V E - 115 Coy RAASC (GT)	3 2 5

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3. For clarity, the above recommendations have been grouped into ARA and CMF. However, the order of priority is as indicated after the name.

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4. It should be noted that Maj JACKSON is a British officer on attachment to AMF.

J. Woodward,

Lt-Gen
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Dear Mr. McKnight,

AWARDS TO SERVICE PERSONNEL FOR OUTSTANDING
SERVICE IN N.S.W. FLOODS.

Following recent advice from the Secretary, Prime Minister's Department, regarding the circumstances in which a R.A.A.F. Chaplain had been recommended for an award of M.B.E., in recognition of his work during the recent floods in New South Wales, the general question of awards for outstanding service rendered by members of the Forces in that emergency was raised with the Prime Minister's Department.

2. The Prime Minister has agreed that in view of the part played by the three Services in the N.S.W. flood disaster consideration should be given to the bestowal of awards for outstanding service, and that a special quota of awards will be sought to cover any recommendations made. It is not desired that large numbers of recommendations should be submitted but that only the most outstanding actions should be brought under notice.

3. In conformity with the Prime Minister's direction, it would be appreciated if the recommendations of your Minister for awards to members of the A.M.F., could be made available (with citations) to the Minister for Defence as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Pennington
Secretary.

A.D. McKnight, Esq.,
Secretary,
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