



David John McCullough (Barlow)

1916–1942

maternal grandfather



When David John Barlow was born on February 25, 1916, in Hawthorn, Victoria, Australia, his father, Stanley Victor Barlow, was 22 and his mother, Olive Martha Barlow (nee Veale), was 23. His father, Stanley, abandoned his mother (Olive) and David in approx. 1916, and Olive filed for divorce through desertion in 1919. Olive married Charles McCullough in 1920, and young David took his step-father's last name, McCullough, at some point during his childhood.

David married Vera May Cleary on January 18, 1937, in Seymour, Victoria, Australia. They had three children during their marriage. He died as a young father on February 11, 1942, in the Fall of Singapore (WW II) at the age of 25, and it is believed his body was buried there, as it was never recovered.

(Alternate death is 15 Feb 1942, and injury occurred on 11 Feb 1942. [Unverified])

1916

Birth

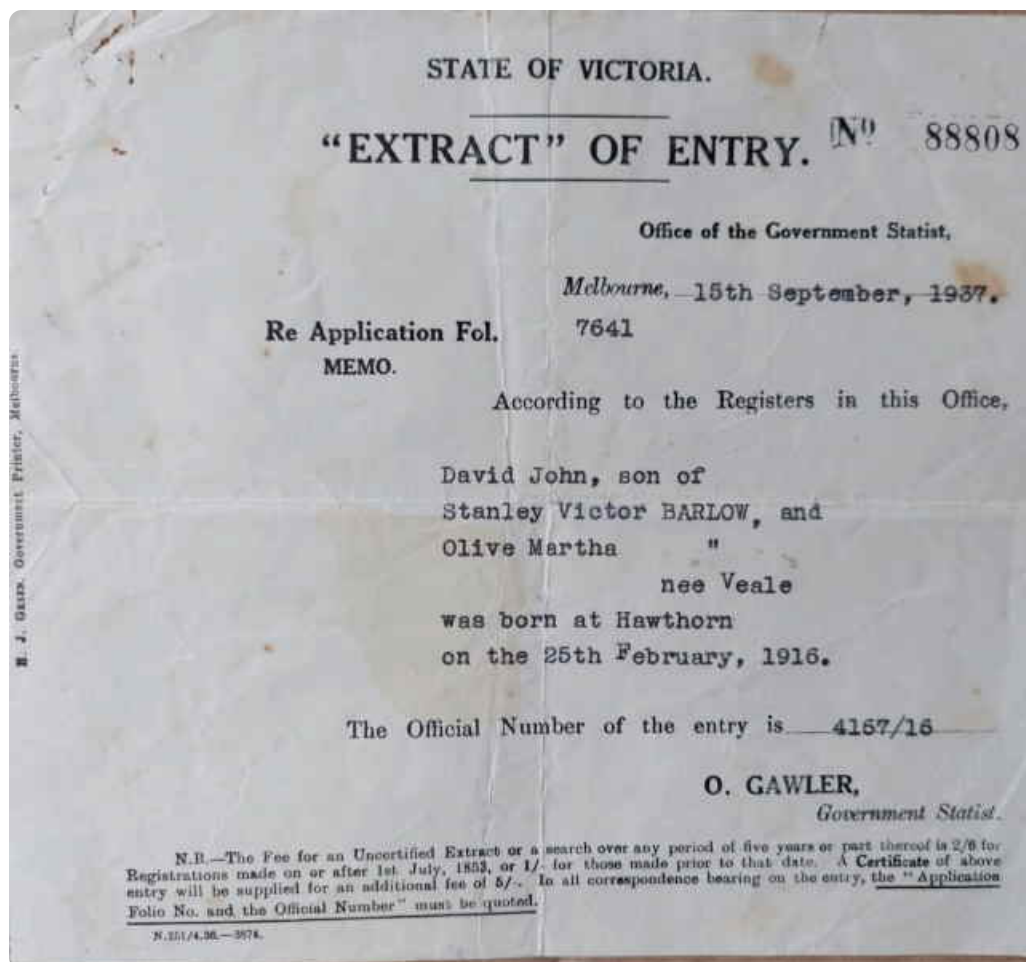
David John McCullough (Barlow) was born on February 25, 1916, in Hawthorn, Victoria, Australia, to Olive Martha Veale, age 23, and Stanley Victor Barlow, age 22.

Official birth record no. 4167/16 Born 7 Harold Street, Hawthorn, Victoria

25 Feb 1916 • Hawthorn, Victoria, Australia

1916 David John BARLOW, Birth cert 41671916

Birth Certificate Extract for David John BARLOW (McCullough). Birth entry No. 4167/16



25 Feb 1916

1916 Birth of Half-Sister

His half-sister Marjorie Mabel was born on October 26, 1916, in Coonabarabran, New South Wales, Australia, when David John was less than a year old.



Marjorie Mabel Steele

1916–1991

26 Oct 1916 • Coonabarabran, New South Wales, Australia

1918 Birth of Half-Brother

His half-brother Stanley David was born on May 15, 1918, in New South Wales, Australia, when David John was 2 years old.



Stanley David STEELE**

1918–1975

15 May 1918 • Newtown, New South Wales, Australia

1918 Birth of Half-Sibling

His half-sibling Edward was born on June 6, 1918, in Queensland, Australia, when David John was 2 years old.



Edward Steele**
1918-

6 June 1918 • Queensland

1918 Olive McCullough and son David

Abt. 1918

1919 Birth of Half-Brother

His half-brother Francis (Frank) Norman was born on December 15, 1919, in Armidale, New South Wales, Australia, when David John was 3 years old.



Francis (Frank) Norman Steele**
1919-1989

15 Dec 1919 • Armidale, New South Wales, Australia

1920 Name Change

Following his mother's (Olive Martha (Veale) Barlow), marriage to Charles McCullough in 1920, David John Barlow changed his last name to reflect that of his step father.

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1920 ish • Seymour, Victoria, Australia

1921

Birth of Half-Brother

His half-brother Raymond was born on August 17, 1921, in Macksville, New South Wales, Australia, when David John was 5 years old.



Raymond STEELE**
1921-2009

17 Aug 1921 • Macksville, New South Wales, Australia

1921

Birth of Half-Brother

His half-brother Donald Suters was born in 1921 in Hawthorn, Victoria, Australia, when David John was 5 years old.



Donald Suters McCullough
1921-1990

1921 • Hawthorn, Victoria, Australia

1922

Birth of Half-Brother

His half-brother Reginald was born on September 9, 1922, in Macksville, New South Wales, Australia, when David John was 6 years old.



Reginald Steele**
1922-1998

9 Sep 1922 • Macksville, New South Wales, Australia

1922

Birth of Half-Brother

His half-brother Reginald was born on September 10, 1922, in Macksville, New South Wales, Australia, when David John was 6 years old.



Reginald Steele**
1922-1998

10 Sep 1922 • Macksville, New South Wales, Australia

1923

Birth of Half-Brother

His half-brother Leonard Charles was born in 1923 in Tallarook, Victoria, Australia, when David John was 7 years old.



Leonard Charles McCullough
1923-2003

1923 • Tallarook, Victoria, Australia

1924

Birth of Half-Brother

His half-brother Leslie Colin was born on August 7, 1924, in Crookwell, New South Wales, Australia, when David John was 8 years old.



Leslie Colin STEELE**
1924-1978

07 Aug 1924 • Crookwell, New South Wales, Australia

1924

Birth of Half-Brother

His half-brother Ralph Murray was born on August 8, 1924, in Victoria, Australia, when David John was 8 years old.



Ralph Murray McCullough
1924-1979

8 Aug 1924 • Carlton, Victoria, Australia

1926

Birth of Half-Brother

His half-brother Edward (Ted) Arthur was born on January 13, 1926, in Crookwell, New South Wales, Australia, when David John was 9 years old.



Edward (Ted) Arthur Steele
1926-1974

13 Jan 1926 • Crookwell, New South Wales, Australia

1927

Birth of Half-Brother

His half-brother Ronald was born on March 6, 1927, in Kyogle, New South Wales, Australia, when David John was 11 years old.



Ronald STEELE**
1927-1975

6 Mar 1927 • Kyogle, New South Wales, Australia

1930

Birth of Half-Sister

His half-sister Beryl Elizabeth Thelma was born on May 18, 1930, in Kyogle, New South Wales, Australia, when David John was 14 years old.



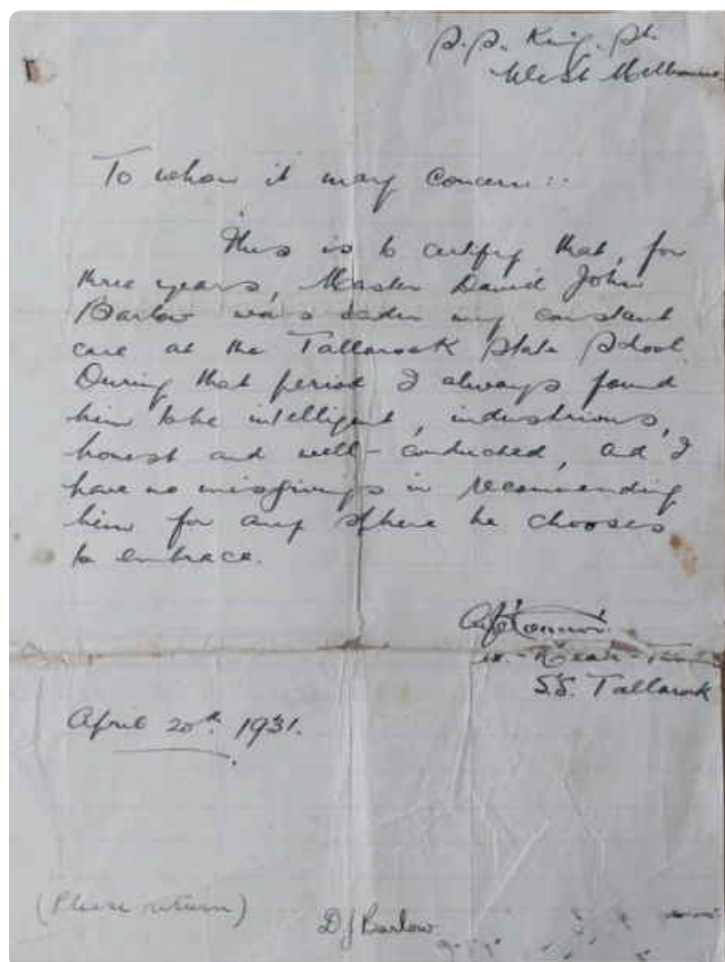
Beryl Elizabeth Thelma Steele**
1930-1984

18 May 1930 • Kyogle, New South Wales, Australia

1931

David John BARLOW, School Letter 20APR1931

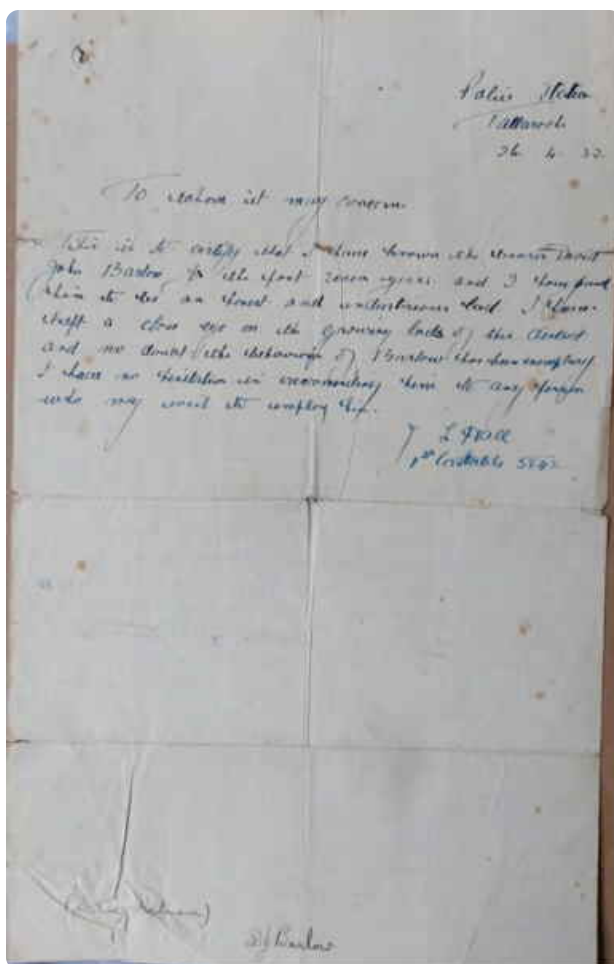
Letter from former teacher? principal? at Tallarook State School.

**20 Apr 1931**

1932

ENIMAGE1588728052679

Reference letter from Tallarook Police Station



26 Apr 1932

1932

Possible Name Change Date

note from peter from buchanan motors in seymour - reference made for David Barlow in 1932.

1 Jun 1932 • Seymour, Victoria, Australia

1932

David John Barlow (McCullough) aged aprox 16

Abt. 1932

1937

Marriage

David John McCullough (Barlow) married Vera May Cleary in Seymour, Victoria, Australia, on January 18, 1937, when he was 20 years old.

**Vera May Cleary**


1919-1980

18 Jan 1937 • Seymour, Victoria, Australia

1937

Marriage cert of David John McCullough and Vera May Cleary

Certificate of Marriage No. 978/37 . David's father is listed as Charles McCullough. (Note: in the deceased children under Vera May, Dennis John Cleary is not mentioned.)

In the State of Victoria,  In the Commonwealth of Australia. 978

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE. 10.

Year 1937, Part of Great Britain, September, Diocese, Church of England

No. in Register	(1)	262
Date and when Made	(2)	18 th January 1937 Christ Church, Seaford
Name and Surname of each Party	(3)	David John McCullough Vera May Cleary
Occupation, Profession, and Rank of each Party (or Name of Trade or Business, or Date of being Married if Married)	(4)	Bookbinder Spinner
Children by each Party (Name, Sex, Date of Birth)	(5)	None
Religion	(6)	Methodist Free Methodist
Occupation	(7)	Labourer Domestic Duties
Age in years (Sex Birthdate)	(8)	21 17
Exact Residence of each Party	(9)	Oak Street Seaford High Street Seaford
Parents (Full Name, Rank, and Occupation)	(10)	Charles McCullough Labourer Vera May Cleary Labourer
Parents (Full Name, Rank, and Occupation)	(11)	Oliver Martha Venke Mary Bookbinder

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of particulars recorded in a Register in the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia.

REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
MELBOURNE

A. W. Williams
V. M. Cleary

George Eric Mackay being a Clerk in Holy Orders do hereby certify that I have this day solemnized Marriage between the above-named parties after strict observance of the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages at Melbourne this 18th day of January 1937.

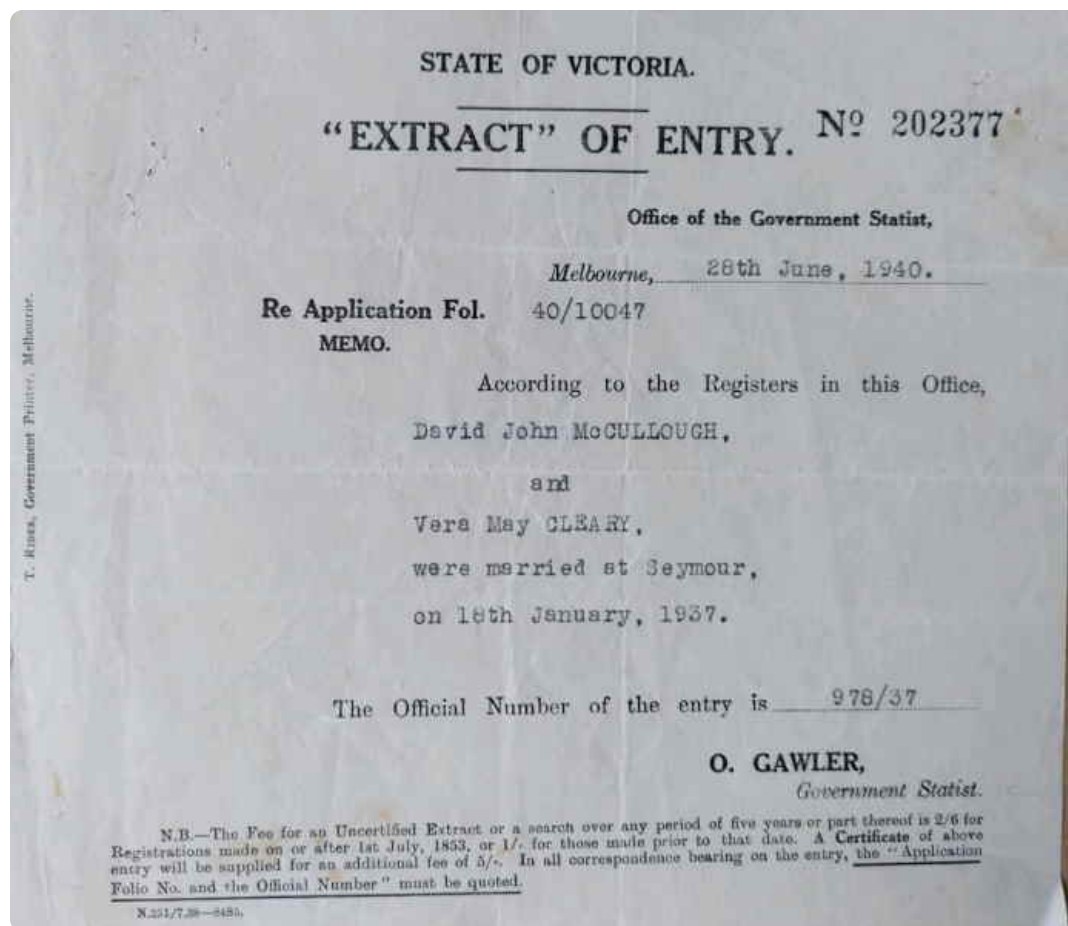
Signature of Registrar, Government Station or Registrar of Marriages *G. E. Mackay*

18 Jan 1937

1937

Marriage cert for David John MCCULLOUGH and Vera May CLEARY, 9781937

Marriage certificate extract No. 978/37

**18 Jan 1937**

1937

Birth and Death of Son

His son UNK was born in October 1937 and passed away that same day.

**UNK McCullough**
1937–1937**Abt. Oct 1937**

1938

Birth of Daughter

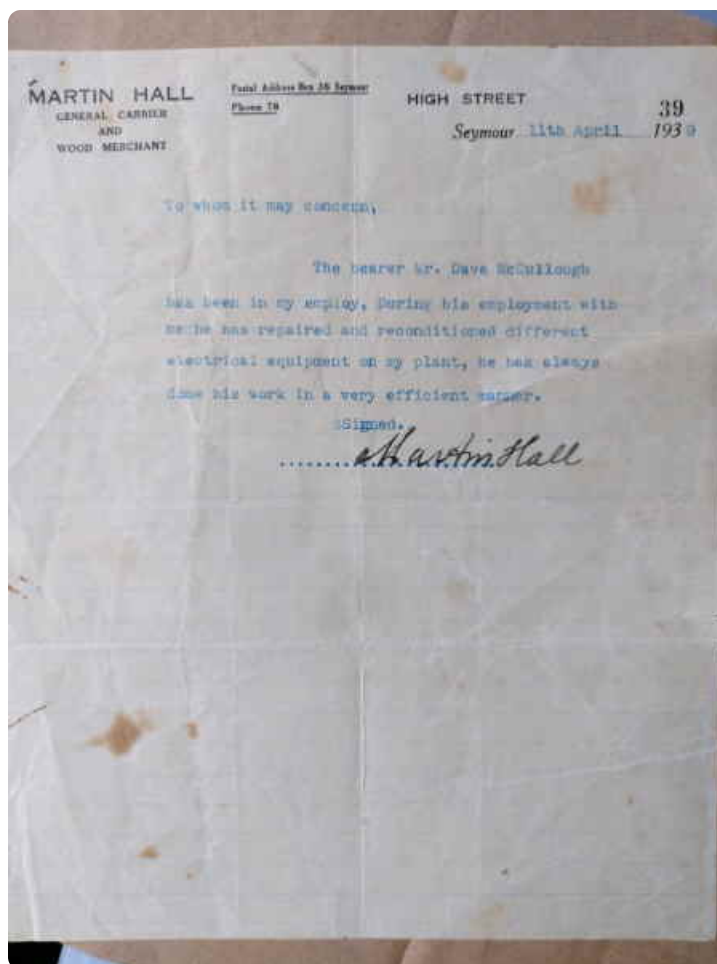
His daughter Dawn Olive was born on November 30, 1938, in Seymour, Victoria, Australia.

**Dawn Olive McCullough**
1938–2018**30 Nov 1938 • Seymour, Victoria, Australia**

1939

David John BARLOW, Reference from Martin Hall 11APR1939

Recommendation Letter from Martin Hall, General Carrier and Wood Merchant



11 Apr 1939

1940

Birth of Daughter

His daughter Jeanette Maree was born on March 22, 1940, in Seymour, Victoria, Australia.

**Jeanette Maree McCullough**

1940-

22 Mar 1940 • Seymour, Victoria, Australia

1940

Military

David John McCullough (Barlow) served in the military on June 11, 1940, in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, when he was 24 years old.

Attestation (Enlistment) form for David John McCullough - Army No. VX30784

B
MEDICAL EXAMINATION

I have made full and careful examination of the abovesigned person in accordance with the instructions contained in the Standing Orders for Australian Army Medical Services. In my opinion he is—

- Fit for Class I. *Fit*
- Temporarily unfit for Class II.
- Unfit for military service.

Name: *DAVID JOHN McCULLOUGH* Date: *21 June 1940*
Signature of Examining Medical Officer: *[Signature]*

C
OATH OF ENLISTMENT

I, *David John McCullough*, 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 power 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: *[Signature]*
Subscribed at: *Royal Park* in the State of: *Victoria*
this: *eleventh* day of: *June* 19*40*

Defence by—
Signature of Attesting Officer: *[Signature]*

I Person who signs to take or will take an oath as abovesigned in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Defence Act. In each case the above form will be cancelled accordingly and retained by the Attesting Officer.

RECORDED
DATE: *11-2-42*
PLACE: *90*
SECTION OF DEFENCE: *H.I.P.*

In Charge Of
Office of Enlistment
Victoria, Australia

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11 Jun 1940 • Royal Park, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

1940

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WW2. c.1937, joined 20th Light Horse ACMF. Enlisted 11 June 1940, Australian Imperial Force at Royal Park, Melbourne.

11 Jun 1940 • Royal Park, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

1940

Military Serial Number

VX30784 - Sgt. Unit: 2/10 Field Company Royal Australian Engineers Embarked for OS Service 2 Feb 1941 - Sgt. 22nd Brigade Wounded 9th or 10th February 1942; died 13 Feb 1941

11 Jun 1940

A
ATTESTATION FORM
FOR SPECIAL FORCES RAISED FOR SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA OR ABROAD

A.A. Form A.200

20th Reg Royal Park Melb
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
M.F. B

Army No. *VX 30784*
Surname: *McCullough* Other Name: *David John*
Unit: *2/10 Field Coy R.A.E.*
Enlisted for service at: *ROYAL PARK MELBOURNE* (Place)
(Date)

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

- What is your name? 1 Name: *M. Cullough*
Other name: *David John*
- Where were you born? 2 Is or was the town of: *Horseshoe*
in the state or country of: *Vic*
- Are you a natural born or a naturalised British subject? If the latter, please state in what country? 3 Age: *24*
Date of Birth: *28/1/1916*
- What is your trade or occupation? 4 Are you married, single or widower? *Married*
- Have you previously served in the military? If so, where and in what arm? 5 Name: *Mrs. Mary*
Address: *Heads Hill*
Relationship: *Wife*
- Who is your next next of kin? (Order of relationship—wife, eldest son, other daughter, father, mother, eldest brother, other sister, other half-brother, other half-sister) 6 Name: *Heads Hill*
Relationship: *Sister*
- What is your religious denomination? (This question need not be answered if the man has a reasonable objection to doing so) 7 Name: *Sgt. J. J. [unclear]*
Address: *[unclear]*
Relationship: *[unclear]*

I, *David John McCullough*, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true and that I am willing to serve in the Australian Military Forces within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

Witnessed by: *[Signature]* Signature: *[Signature]*
(Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer)

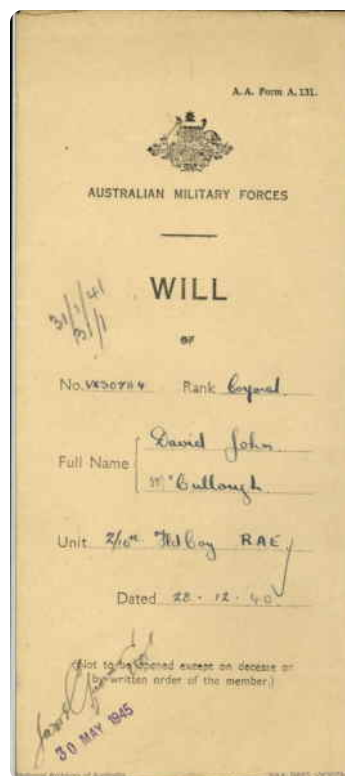
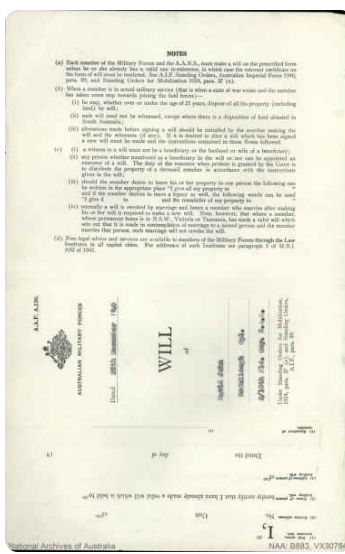
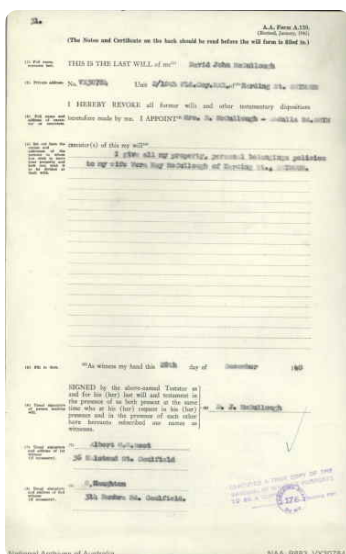
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1940

Will

Will of VX30784 David John McCullough



28 Dec 1940

1941

Travel to Malaya

Embarked Queen Mary on 2 Feb 1941; departed Sydney Disembarked Queen Mary on 1 Mar 1941 Singapore

02 Feb 1941 • Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

1941

Birth of Son

His son David Charles was born on December 4, 1941, in Seymour, Victoria, Australia.



David Charles McCullough

1941-

4 Dec 1941 • Seymour, Victoria, Australia

1942

Death

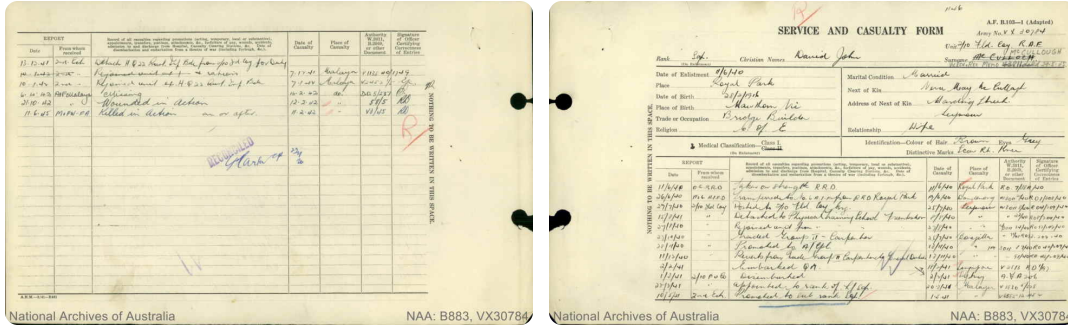
David John McCullough (Barlow) died on February 11, 1942, in Singapore when he was 25 years old.

11 Feb 1942 • Kranji, North West, Singapore

1945 Military

David John McCullough (Barlow) served in the military on June 11, 1945, in Australia when he was 29 years old.

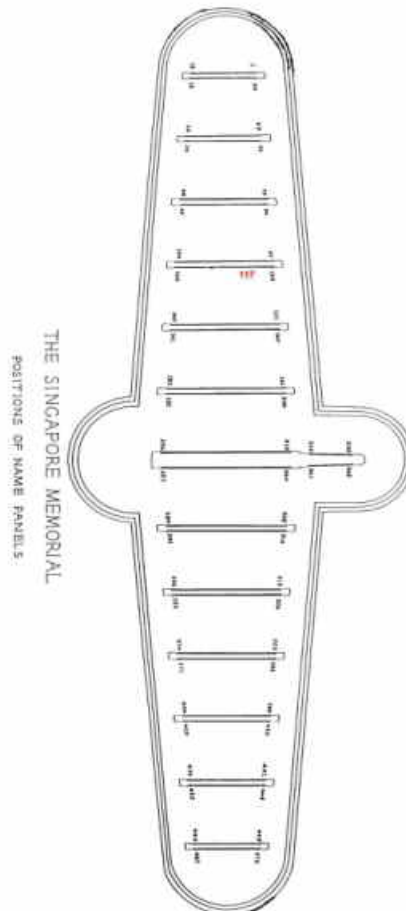
Service and Casualty Form for David John McCullough



11 Jun 1945 • Australia

Burial

In memory of David John McCullough, a cemetery marker was established in Kranji, Singapore.



Kranji, North West, Singapore

Casualty Section Form; Notice of Death

Particulars of Casualty Missing - date 16.2.42 Wounded in Stomach Advice No. 172/6/253; date 12.2.42 telegram sent 11.9.42 VX41435 ADAMS E. L. 2/10 FD COY states: "this man killed in action 12.2.42. I am sure of this." Search reporter No. 663 18

CASUALTY SECTION 1984 2nd ECHELON **ARMY No. VX30784** 26

Christian Names *David John* Surname *McCULLOUGH* *1127/129* *SGT CULLOUGH* **RECORDED**

Rank *Sgt* Unit *2/10 Hld Coy King*

Particulars of Casualty	Advice No.	Date	Authority	Echelon No.	Telegram Sent	Acknowledgment Received
<i>Stat Decs 3.4.21</i>						
<i>Missing</i>		<i>16.2.42</i>		<i>26.11</i>		
<i>Wounded in Stomach</i> <i>VX41435 ADAMS E. L. 2/10 FD Coy</i> <i>SEARCHED - THIS MAN KILLED IN ACTION</i> <i>VX 30784 - 1 NOV 1942</i>	<i>172/6/253</i>	<i>12.2.42</i>		<i>15/22</i>	<i>11.9.42</i>	
<i>KILLED IN ACTION</i>		<i>12.2.42</i>		<i>VX41435</i>	<i>26.11.42</i>	

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