



Gerald Frederick Atkins

WWII – Royal Australian Navy - 1945 – 47

American Army Transportation Corps -1944 -45



Australian Medals
Pacific Star – War Medal 1939-45

American Medals
Merchant Marine Medal – Victory Medal



Merchant Marine
Service Emblem



Honourable
Service Button



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Marine Medal



Medallion Front



Medallion Back



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Mr G F Atkins
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Dear Mr Atkins

I enclose the following awards which recognise your service in the Australian Defence Force.

- Pacific Star
- War Medal 1939-45

The Australian Government is proud of your achievement and places great value on the contribution you have made.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Customer Response Team on toll free 1800 111 321.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Maher'.

Peter Maher
Assistant Director
Honours and Awards

21 April 2010



The Hon De-Anne Kelly BE MP

Federal Member for Dawson
Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence



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Gerald Atkins
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Dear Gerald Atkins,

Australia has a long tradition of commemorating our wartime history and honouring the service and sacrifice of our servicemen and women during those times.

In keeping with this tradition, I am pleased to advise that the Australian Government will be issuing a commemorative medallion to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. Those eligible to receive the medallion are surviving World War II Australian servicemen and women, widow/ers of Australian servicemen and women, and surviving World War II British Commonwealth and allied veterans and widow/ers.

Veterans and widow/ers in receipt of services from the Department of Veterans' Affairs as at 8 May 2005 Victory in Europe (VE) day will receive the medallion. The enclosed form asks you to confirm that the Department has your correct address recorded. You have the option of having your medallion delivered to your Federal Member of Parliament (MP) for distribution to you. To facilitate this, your name and address will be provided to your local MP. Alternatively, the medallion can be sent direct to you. I expect distribution of medallions to commence in August 2005.

Your eligibility to receive this medallion has been established. However, I ask that you complete the enclosed form and return it in the reply paid envelope by **7 July 2005**.

In July you may notice advertisements in major metropolitan and regional newspapers asking for people not in receipt of services from the Department who may be eligible to receive the commemorative medallion to contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs. You do not need to respond to those advertisements, as your response to this letter is all the Department requires.

The commemorative medallion is an expression of the gratitude of the Australian Government and people for your service.

Yours sincerely

De-Anne Kelly MP

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Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600



In 2005 we commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II.
Australia has a long tradition of commemorating our wartime history and honouring
the service and sacrifice of our servicemen and women during those times.
Our veterans and their families have given much to protect the Australian way of life
in times of conflict and helped build our community in times of peace.
We thank you sincerely for your contribution to our nation.

The Hon John Howard MP
Prime Minister

The Hon De-Anne Kelly MP
Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence



60th anniversary of the
end of World War II
For Service to Australia





**75TH ANNIVERSARY
END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR
AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS 2020**

*A grateful nation expresses
its sincere thanks to*

Gerald Frederick Atkins

*For your service and contribution to the
war effort and to the freedom of nations*

His Excellency General
the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)
Governor-General of the
Commonwealth of Australia

The Honourable Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia





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U.S. Department of Transportation World War II Merchant marine service

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