Raymond John Parkes Q 25256 47 Battalion 29 Brigade

15/8/1940 joined Maryborough Militia.

After Pearl Harbour 47 Bn mobilised so enlisted 16/12/1941.

9 to 12/1/1943 shipped to Milme Bay.

4/3/1943 “Drakeforce” began so shifted to Goodenough Island.

16/8/43 located at Tamu Bay east of Salamaua.

28/8/1943 Brother in law Lt Len Barnett awarded Military Cross

at Lewis Knoll on Kunai Spur.

11/9/1943 29th Brigade swam across the Francisco River to beat

 the 162 U S Regt to Japanese Air field at Salamaua by a day.

27/9/1943 moved to recently captured Lae Airfield.

31/1/1944 29th Bde returned to Australia for 6 months R & R.

After almost a year 29th Bde returned to P N G, the 47th landing

on Boganville Island 8/12/1944.

15/8/1945 at Buin Rd Boganville when Japan surrended.

Discharged at Brisbane 26/10/1945