

IN MEMORIUM

HERBERT "HERBIE" OSWALD BECKE

Rank: Corporal

Service History

Citizen Military Forces (Full Time Duty)

Service Number: W98796
Date of Enlistment: 23 June 1942
Date of Discharge: 12 August 1943

Australian Imperial Force

Service Number : WX40384
Date of enlistment: 13 August 1943
Date of Discharge: 21 June 1946

Australian Regular Army Special Reserve (K)

Service Number : 5/400235
Date of enlistment: 21 December 1951
Date of Discharge: 29 October 1953

Australian Regular Army

Service Number : 52852
Date of enlistment: 12 October 1954
Date of Discharge: 09 November 1975

Employment

Instrument Operator (Predictor), Rifleman, Storeman

Principle Units:

Recruit Reception Depot	23 June 1942
13th Infantry Training Battalion (Trainee)	01 July 1942
10th Light Horse Training Squadron (Trainee)	06 July 1942
12th Australian Artillery Training Battery (Trainee)	09 September 1942
109th Australian Anti Aircraft Battery	02 October 1942
421st Australian Anti Aircraft Gun Station	18 November 1942
25th Australian Anti Aircraft Battery	23 July 1943
4th Australian Heavy Anti Aircraft Battery	01 February 1944
381st Australian Heavy Anti Aircraft Troop	14 March 1944
458th Australian Heavy Anti Aircraft Troop	04 December 1944
2nd Australian Field Artillery Training Regiment	13 May 1945
Unallotted List Western Command	21 December 1951
2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment	18 January 1952
4th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (Depot)	16 March 1952
1st Reinforcement s Holding Unit	24 May 1952
1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment	25 July 1952
2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment	22 March 1953
Unallotted List Western Command	12 October 1954
1st Recruit Training Battalion (Trainee)	05 November 1954
4th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (Trainee)	10 March 1955
2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment	15 July 1955
4th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment	12 March 1964
2nd/4th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment	15 August 1973

Operational Service

Darwin (Arty)	14 March 1944 to 06 March 1945
Japan (K Force)	24 May 1952 to 23 July 1952
Korea (1 RAR, 2 RAR)	24 July 1952 to 01 August 1953
Japan (2 RAR)	01 August 1953 to 02 September 1953
Malaya (2 RAR)	08 October 1955 to 31 October 1957
Malaya (2 RAR)	27 October 1961 to 27 May 1963
Thai-Malay Border (2 RAR)	28 May 1963 to 02 July 1963
Malaya (2 RAR)	03 July 1963 to 21 August 1963
Malaysia (4 RAR)	21 September 1965 to 24 April 1966
Sarawak (4 RAR)	25 April 1966 to 20 August 1966
Malaysia (4 RAR)	21 August 1966 to 04 August 1967
South Vietnam (4 RAR)	14 May 1968 to 21 May 1969
South Vietnam (4 RAR)	13 May 1971 to 17 December 1971

Honours and Awards

Defence Medal
War Medal 1939-45
Australian Service Medal 1939-45
Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasps Korea, Malaya, Thai-Malay, Malaysia and Vietnam
Korea Medal
United Nations Service Medal (Korea)
General Service Medal with Clasp Malaya
General Service Medal 1962 with Clasp Borneo
Vietnam Medal
Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp SE Asia
Defence Force Service Medal
National Medal
Australian Defence Medal
Vietnamese Campaign Medal
Pinjat Jasa Malaysia (Malaysia Service Medal)
Infantry Combat Badge
Returned from Active Service Badge