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Mrs Joy Forbes  
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Dear Mrs Forbes

I am writing in reference to your request for confirmation of Ernest Robert Mitchell Coe's inclusion on the Atomic Nominal Roll.

Although not presently listed on the Department Of Veteran Affairs internet version of the Atomic Nominal Roll, your father's details will be published in the final publication. The publication will be titled 'Nominal Roll of Australian Participants in the British Atomic Tests in Australia', and will be available from AusInfo (Phone:132 447).

There is currently a loose deadline for this the final publication, however there will be an announcement made in the media before it is released. Thank you for contacting us in concern of your father's service.

Yours sincerely

*Stephen Robey*

Stephen Robey  
13 August 2001

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## Preliminary Atomic Participants Nominal Roll

This Preliminary Atomic Participants Nominal Roll, prepared by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) in Canberra, lists the Australian civilians and members of the Australian Defence Forces who participated in the British atomic testing programme, conducted in Australia during the 1950s and 1960s.

A total of twelve nuclear devices were detonated over the period from 3rd October, 1952 to 9th October 1957. The tests were carried out at one of the islands in the Monte Bello group off the Western Australian coast and at Emu Field and Maralinga in the South Australian desert. A series of 'minor' nuclear trials then followed at Maralinga and these continued until 1963.

This preliminary roll has been compiled by examining Department of Defence records, personnel records of private firms engaged for the purposes of conducting the tests, the Report of the Royal Commission into Atomic Testing (1986) and the records of the issue of Maralinga Security Cards. Documents prepared previously for the purposes of listing participants in the tests were also examined.

Whilst every effort has been made to include the names and identifying details of all Australian personnel who were present in each of the testing areas during or following the explosions, the length of time that has elapsed and the difficulty in locating and verifying authentic records means that the roll is likely to contain some errors. It is possible that some personnel have been incorrectly included or unintentionally omitted.

At this stage, DVA has been unable to locate records relating to indigenous persons or groups who were exposed to the atomic test programme activities. Efforts are continuing in this regard and those details are expected to be available for inclusion in the final version of this Roll.

Accordingly, in order to produce a document that is as accurate as possible, DVA would like to hear from anyone who is able to correct, delete or add to the Nominal Roll information. In particular, DVA would like to hear from indigenous participants or their family members or representatives.

The complete roll has been split up into each service and civilian streams below for easier access.

Please note that these are currently very large Microsoft Excel spreadsheets and Adobe Acrobat files that may take some minutes to download. Smaller listings broken up alphabetically will be available shortly in html.

Contact with DVA regarding these Rolls should be by telephoning Freecall 1800 445 006 or by e-mail to: [atomicp.roll@dva.gov.au](mailto:atomicp.roll@dva.gov.au).

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## ATOMIC PARTICIPANTS NOMINAL ROLL

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Surname	1st Name	2nd Name	Service Number
Cahill	Phillip	Raymond	219021
Cain	Trevor	John	A41082
Cairns	Jack	Marshall	O31473
Calder	Ella	Joy	W17041
Calder	Stuart	Campbell	O3397
Callaghan	William		A1189
Callinan	John	Thomas	O33238
Calvert	Harry		O316775
Cameron	Angus	Lochiel	O23249
Cameron	Bruce	Martin	O217561
Cameron	Cyril	Thomas	O41037
Cameron	Douglas	George	O24862
Cameron	Harold	Keith	O21138
Cameron	John	Thomas	O55978
Cameron	Raymond	James	A219267
Campbell	Aylmer	Baker	A31452
Campbell	Barry	Stewart	A32861
Campbell	Graham	William	A53475
Campbell	Ian	Leslie	O386
Campbell	John	George	A13418
Campbell	John	Gerard	O39449
Campbell	Louis	Keith	A1780
Campbell	Matthew	Crawford	A310707
Campbell	Robert	James	A218937
Campbell	Thomas	Alick	A2392
Campbell-Burns	Tynan	Gerard	O24178
Campigli	John	Phillips	O39985
Campleman	Roy		A310616
Canby	Thomas	Morgan	A31205
Candy	Brian	Henry	O42944
Candy	Charles	Douglas	O327
Candy	Reginald	Ronald	O34325
Cane	Alfred	Claud	A1573
Cannell	Maxwell	Donald	A43831
Canning	Graham	Stanley	A37406
Canning	Noel	Keith	A12365
Cannon	Richard	Stuart	A219920
Cannon	William	George	A13850

Cobban	Laurence	Edward	A217015
Cochlan	John	Charles	
Cockerell	Richard	Graham	A217926
Coe	<del>Ernest</del>	<del>Robert</del>	<del>A23982</del> A23962
Coffee	Edward	George	A33740
Coffey	Ronald	Francis	A25309
Cogan	Robert	John	A42945
Coggins	John	Michael	A5627
Coghlan	John	Charles	A13891
Cole	Donald	Robert	A43336
Cole	Lawrence	John	A41912
Colebrook	Harvey	Louis	O51217
Colefax	Kevin	Burt	A1678
Coleman	Gregory	Neil	A216150
Coleman	James	Rowland	A216370
Coleman	Ronald	Aubrey	A112265
Colless	Francis	Mervyn	
Colless	Major	George	A217826
Collett	Clifford	Percy	A14937
Collett	John		A135
Collier	Kenneth	Alexander	A25788
Collihole	Thomas	Mitchell	A39779
Collings	Brian	Harry	A13787
Collins	Edward	Henry	A12303
Collins	Frederick	Thomas	O22218
Collins	Gavin	Michael	A34193
Collins	James	Henry	A217257
Collins	Kevin	Alex	A11686
Collins	Lawrence	James	A23594
Collins	Leo	James	A1775
Collins	Mervyn	James	A314634
Collins	Robert	George	A54611
Collins	Robert	John	A47
Collits	Hughie	Alexander	O216259
Colquhoun	David	William	O33011
Condron	Maxwell	Robert	A39953
Conlon	Vincent	Sydney	A21266
Connell	Harold	Denis	O217828
Connolly	Phillip	Wilton	A39865
Connor	Patrick	Ronald	A511
Connor	Reginald	Frederick	A39955
Connors	John	Eileen	W110946
Conway	Arthur	John	A11590
Conway	James	Edward	A220723
Cook	Alexander	John	O22078
Cook	Cecil	Claude	A216573
Cook	Leonard	Page	O313671
Cook	Michael	Robert	A42640
Cook	Neil	Robert	A15653
Cooke	Owen	Vincent	A24168
Coolahan	John	Noel	O22192