



Les Cook

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Corporal

DIVISION: Army Air Corps, 2/14th Australian
Imperial Force Battalion

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

BATTLE: Kokoda Trail Capture of Lae

HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

Les Cook from Canberra, Australia followed in his fathers footsteps and enlisted in the Military at the age of 16 years old in 1939 after the war broke out. However, it was after the Battle at Dunkirk that he was successful in joining the Australian Imperial Force. As a Corporal he served in the Middle East, New Guinea, Borneo and Japan. Cook survived the Kokda Trail and was present at the capture of Lae. Cook served in Japan for one year as part of the Austrlian contingent of the British Commonwealth occupation Force. Courtesy of The Australian War Museum