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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

J. H. Ragless
For Lt. Colonel, Camp Commandant

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD.

No. 3363 Name RAGLESS-THOMAS HAROLD
Unit 28/9th LIGHT HORSE.
Joined on 22 JAN 1917

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

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| 1. What is your name? ... | 1. <u>Thomas Harold Ragless.</u> |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... | 2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of <u>Farina</u> in the County of <u>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</u> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... | 3. <u>natural Born</u> |
| 4. What is your age? ... | 4. <u>24 10/12 years.</u> |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? ... | 5. <u>Grazier</u> |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... | 6. <u>no</u> |
| 7. Are you married? ... | 7. <u>no</u> |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...
<small>The answer to this question shall not be construed as in the nature of a Will.</small> | 8. <u>(Father) RAGLESS-THOMAS JAMES CARRINGTON SOUTH AUSTRALIA</u> |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? | 9. <u>no</u> |
| 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with disgrace from the Navy? | 10. <u>no</u> |
| 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge. ... | 11. <u>no</u> |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... | 12. <u>yes</u> |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... | 13. <u>yes (Heart)</u> |
| 14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—
<small>Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach \$1 per day?</small> ... | 14. <u>~</u> |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... | 15. <u>yes.</u> |

I, Thomas Harold Ragless. do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than ~~two-fifths~~ two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my ~~wife~~ wife and children

Date 22 JAN 1917

J. H. Ragless
Signature of Person Enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted. wu 27602

Description of Thomas Harold Ragless. on Enlistment.

Age 24 years 10 months
 Height 5 feet 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
 Weight 144 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 34-36 inches
 Complexion Fresh
 Eyes Grey
 Hair Brown
 Religious Denomination Angl.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz.:—

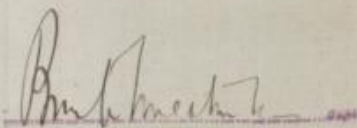
Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 22 JAN 1917

Place ADELAIDE


 A. A. M. G.

Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

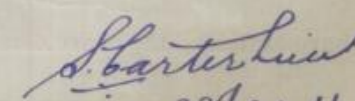
CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and

appoint him to 28/9 L H

Date 16/4/17

Place Witcham A.I.F Camp


 Commanding 28/9 L H

Statement of Service of No. _____

Name

Ragless T. H.

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
3rd Depot Regt Port Lincoln Depot S.O. Invalids M ¹ Lt Col		17.8.17	5.9.17.	To Base
		18.9.17	19.10.17	M¹ Lt Col
		5.9.17	18.9.17	M ¹ Lt Col
		18.9.17	6.9.17	Seymour
Port Lincoln Depot S.O. Invalids 3rd, M.D.		1.9.17	7.10.17	To Base Hospital
MACLEOD		7/10/17	19/10/17	Macleod
28/9th L. H.		19.10.17	26.10.17	Seymour
	Embkd. A. 73 "Commonwealth" from		Melb. 2/11/17.	

gth L. H. Spw Discharged 4th M. D. (M.V.) 22.4.19 M⁴¹/1139. M

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

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Statement of Service No. 3363

Name RAGLESS THOMAS HAROLD

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
B. Coy. MITONAM. 28/9 Light Horse	PRIVATE Pte.	7/4/17	10/4/17	76-2
		16/4/17		84/II
Isolation Camp, Ascot Vale	Pte.	22.6.17	2 AUG 1917	Seymour
Pt. Melton		2.8.17	5.9.17	To Base
S.O. Invalids 3rd. M.D.		5/9/17	18/9/17	Macleod
Mt. Hood		18.9.17	1.9.17	SEYMOUR
Port Lincoln Details		1.9.17	2.10.17	To Base Hospital
S.O. Invalids 3rd. M.D.		7/10/17	19/10/17	Macleod
MACLEOD.		14.10.17	26.10.17	Seymour
B. Coy. A. 73	Pte	2/11/17		Embarked Disembarked.
Embarked at Suez Per HT "Demosthenes" for Australia 26-1-19				

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

WARD No. 158 CONV. WARD

SERIAL No. 192

No. 14 GENERAL HOSPITAL, A.I.F.

No. 3363 Name Ragless J. H.
 Rank Spr Regiment 9th R. H.
 Date of Admission 30 AUG 1918 Religion Cong
 Diagnosis Malaria (Ch)
 Complications bilious stool
 Operation _____
 Classification A Date of Discharge 7 DEC 1918
 Destination Rest Camp Result Cur

APPROVED A. C. Arnold, Maj.
E. M. ... MEDICAL OFFICER

A.P. & S.D., Alex., 3390 / 4: 18/5M. W.M. & Co. 3750

WARD No. 67A B3 B1 ✓ SERIAL No. 23148

No. 14 GENERAL HOSPITAL, A.I.F.

No. 3363 Name Ragless J. H.
 Rank Spr Regiment 9th R. H.
 Date of Admission 20.12.1918 Religion Cong
 Diagnosis Influenza
 Complications ...
 Operation ...
 Classification A Date of Discharge 7 JAN 1919
 Destination Unit Hoarcal Result Cur

APPROVED E. ... MEDICAL OFFICER.

(19)

A.P. & S.D., Alex., /4509/3750/8:18/3M. (V. & G.)

Medical Report on an Invalid.

Station A. & N.Z.T.C. & D.C.
MOASCAR,

Date 17-1-1919.

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|----------------------|---|--|----------------|
| 1. Unit | 9th. L.H. | 7. Former Trade }
or Occupation } | Farmer. |
| 2. Regimental No. | 3363. | 7.A If with previous service in Army, state- | |
| 3. Rank | Trooper. | (a) Former Unit; | |
| 4. Name | RAGLESS T.H. | (b) Regimental No.; | |
| 5. Age last birthday | 26 | (c) Date of Discharge; | |
| 6. Enlisted | } on 4-1-17
} at ADELAIDE. | (d) Cause of Discharge. | |

8. Disability in respect of which invaliding is Proposed.

(Other disabilities should be reported upon in answer to question No. 19.)

D A H.

Statement of Case.

Note.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements and evidence recorded in his military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish cases entirely due to venereal disease.

9. Date of origin of disability. **Before enlisting.**
10. Place of origin of disability. **Australia.**

11. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case.

States;— He went to enlist in Jan. 1916, and was rejected on account of D.A.H. Tried again on Jan. 1st. 1917 and was again rejected. Was before a Board on 4-1-17, and was accepted. Contracted Malaria B.T. in June 1918, and has had several attacks since. Has only been out of Hospital about 30 days in past 7 months. Parasites B.T. found (vide slip in Paybook).

12. Give your opinion as to the causation of the disability, stating whether in your opinion it is—

- (a) attributable to or aggravated by service during the present war, climate, or ordinary military service. (The specific condition to which it is attributed should be stated, see Notes on page 3).
- (b) constitutional or hereditary, and not aggravated by service during the present war.
- (c) attributable to or aggravated by want of proper care on the man's part, e.g., intemperance, misconduct, etc.

D.A.H. Aggravated by Malarial infection on Active Service.

No.

No.

13. What is his present condition ?

Weight should be given in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.

Has D.A.H. Pulse 90 normal & 120 on slight exertion. Cannot do any marching. Becomes breathless on any exertion. Heart sounds fairly normal. Face flushed.

14. If the disability is an injury, was it caused—

- (a) In action ?
- (b) On field service ?
- (c) On duty ?
- (d) Off duty ?

15. Was a Court of Inquiry held on the injury?

- If so—
- (a) When ?
 - (b) Where ?
 - (c) Opinion ?

16. Was an operation performed? If so, what?

17. If not, was an operation advised and declined ?

18. In case of loss or decay of teeth. Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease, directly* attributable to active service?

Not applicable.

19. Give particulars of any other disabilities existing, but not in themselves sufficient to cause invaliding and state whether they are attributable to or have been aggravated by service during the present war.

Has bunions on both feet.

20. Do you recommend—

- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or
- (b) Change to England ?

Discharge as Permanently Unfit.

E. Lloyd Barry Capt

Officer in medical charge of case.

I have satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, and concur therewith,

~~except~~

Station A. & N. Y. T. C. & D. C.
MOASCAR,

Date 18-1-1919.

McS
Officer in charge of Hospital.

* Loss of teeth on or immediately after, active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause.

Delete this word if no exceptions are to be made.

Opinion of the Medical Board.

NOTES.—(i.) Clear and decisive answers to the following questions are to be carefully filled in by the Board, as in the event of the man being invalided, it is essential that the Minister of Pensions should be in possession of the most reliable information to **enable him to decide upon the man's claim to pension.**

(ii.) Expressions such as "may," "might," "probably," &c., should be avoided.

(iii.) The rates of pension vary directly according to whether the disability is, (A) caused or aggravated by service in the present war, (B) due to causes not connected with present war, viz. (1) earlier active service, (2) climatic disease in pre-war service, (3) ordinary military service before the war. It is, therefore, essential when assigning the cause of a disability to differentiate between them.

(iv.) In answering question 21 the Board should be careful to discriminate between disease resulting from military conditions and disease to which the soldier would have been equally liable in civil life.

(v.) A disability is to be regarded as due to climate when it is caused by military service abroad in climates where there is a special liability to contract the disease.

21. (a) State whether the disability is clearly attributable to—

- (i.) Service during the present war; *no*
- (ii.) Climate; *-*
- (iii.) Ordinary military service; *-*
- (iv.) Want of proper care on the man's part, e.g., intemperance, misconduct, &c.; or *-*
- (v.) Whether it is constitutional or hereditary. *Constitutional*

(b.) If due to one of the first three of these causes, to what specific conditions to the Board attribute it? *-*

22. Has the disability been aggravated by any of the conditions mentioned in Question 21, and if so, which? *yes, by Malaria infection*

23. Is the disability permanent? *yes*

24. If not permanent, how soon do the Board recommend re-examination? *-*

25. What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, he should be assessed for pension purpose at present? *40%*

Degrees of disablement should be expressed in the following percentages:—100, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, less than 20, or nil.

26. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable? *not applicable*

27. Do the Board recommend—
 (a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or
 (b) Change to England? *Discharge as Permanently unfit*

28. If discharge is recommended it should be stated whether further medical treatment (including orthopaedic training) is desirable in a—

- (a) Sanatorium;
- (b) Hospital;
- (c) Convalescent home;
- (d) Asylum; or
- (e) Other institution either as an in-patient or an out-patient, and if so the period for which recommended.

29. With reference to Army Council Instruction No. 1275 of 1917, is any surgical appliance recommended? *no*

30. Does the man require the constant attendance of another person? *no*

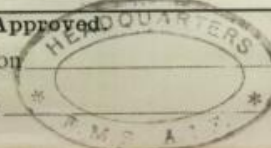
Signatures:—

Station *Inverness*

Date *19. 1. 19*

W. H. Kirkwood *Col* *Chairman*
 President.

Major
S. Lloyd *Capt*
 Members.

Approved

 Station
 Date

W. J. ...
 Administrative Medical Officer.

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4th MILITARY DISTRICT			
A.G.	42	870	15,302

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES,
4th Military District.

14 MAY 1919

KEGWICK BARRACKS,
ADELAIDE.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Officer in Charge,
Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

The undermentioned soldier has been handed his Discharge, Medical Board Proceedings and other documents as follows, forwarded herewith:- D2, D1, Dental Form "X"

No. 3363	Rank.	Tpr.	Name.	RAGLESS, Thomas Harold
Unit.	9th L.H. Regt.			
Date of Attestation.	21/1/17.			
Date of Embarkation	2/11/17.			
Date of Disembarkation.	28/2/19.	Ex...	"DEMOSTHENES".....	
Reason for Discharge.	MEDICALLY UNFIT (NOT DUE TO MISCONDUCT.)			
Date of Discharge.	22/4/19.			
Total Service.	2 Years. 92 Days.			
Service Abroad.	1 Year. 119 Days.			
Account Adjusted in Part	2011.			

Admiral

CAPTAIN,

STAFF OFFICER INVALIDS & RETURNED SOLDIERS,
4th MILITARY DISTRICT.



R A G L E S S	Thomas Harold	3363	28/9th.L.H.R.
Surname.	Other Names	Regimental No.	Unit.

WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE	PURPORT.	4th.M.D.	AUTHORITY.
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Pte.

Emb.per A73. "Commonwealth" from Melbourne on 2/17/17

15/2/18	Mrchd. into Rfts. Camp Moascar ex 3rd L.H.T.R.		MEFO 10/2-18
15/2/18	Mrchd out to Rfts. Camp Moascar		MEFO 11/1-18
11/2/18	Mrchd. out from Rfts.Camp Moascar & TOS 3rd L.H.T.R.		MEFO 11/2-18
15/3/18	Mrchd. out to 3rd L.H.T.Rgt. ex Rfts.Camp Moascar		MEFO 16/3-18
15/3/18	Retd. from Rfts.Camp Moascar		MEFO 17/2-18
23/4/18	Trans to 9th L.H.Rgt.ex 3rd L.H.T.R.		MEFO 25/1-18
10.12.17.	Disemb. & Suez ex H.T.COMMONWEALTH and Mchd into Rfts Camp Moascar	(IS)	MEFO.2/4-18.
8.5.18	T.O.S (9th L.H.R) ex 3rd LHTR via Dtle Ludd	(KP)	MEFO 32/3-18
26.1.18	Emb for Australia (Suez) D.A.H.	(EH)	"5.3.19
29.8 18.	To Hosp. Sick.	(EH)	" 4/2.19
11.6.18	To Hosp ex Regt	(PD)	MEFO 38/3-18

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	PURPORT.		AUTHORITY.
16.6.18	Adm. 31st Gen Hosp Mal.B.T.	(PD)	MEFO 39/2-18
22.4.19	Disc. 4th M.D. ex "DEMOSTHENES" 28/2/19 (sts.9th L.H.)	(MU)	M 41/1139.

Transferred to

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 3363

Rank Pvt Name RAGLESS T. H.

Unit 9th Light Horse

Casualty Only to Aust per H.T. "Demosthenes" embarked 28.1.19 } Invalid
cut 7/6/53 26^c all Cairo 3/2/19 Red Cross 4.2.19 } Y.P.
 Returned to Australia per A Demosthenes No. 205 (and
 Disembarked 26.2.19 at M. D. Reason not stated S

LIST.

DATE	PURPORT
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10 FEB 1919	N.D.K. Advised returning to Australia, Form 7 and Form B 103 received
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22.4.19	Discharged <u>H.M.</u> M. D. (M.U.)
26.7.19	"Will" to <u>DANG 4th</u>

WAR HISTORY INDEX



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