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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

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Name MAEGRAITH HUGH GILMORE
Unit 15/15 Batt.
Joined on 21/9/15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... *Hugh Gilmore Macgrath*
2. In the Parish of *Adelaide* in or near the Town of *Adelaide* in the County of *Adelaide*
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalised British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... *Yes*
4. What is your age? ... *20 1/2*
5. What is your trade or calling? ... *Bank clerk*
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... *no.*
7. Are you married? ... *no.*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... *A. G. Macgrath, 40 Dalgety St., Adelaide, S.A.*
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... *no.*
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable 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? ... *no.*
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 ... *12th Infantry*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... *Yes*
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... *no.*
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? ...
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... *Yes*

3. *Hugh Gilmore Macgrath* do solemnly declare that the above answers made me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and *do* 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* of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service the support of my *wife* and children.

Date *11/9/15*

H. G. Macgrath
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.

Description of Hugh Belmore Macglaith on Enlistment.

Age <u>20</u> years <u>8</u> months	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. <i>A linear scar $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long on left side of back of neck.</i>
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>8</u> inches	
Weight <u>9st 9</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <u>35</u> $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.	
Complexion <u>Fair</u>	
Eyes <u>Blue</u>	
Hair <u>Brown</u>	
Religious Denomination <u>Presbyterian</u>	

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; hemorrhoids; 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 4. 9. 18

Place LISMORE

Francis
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 _____

Date _____

Place _____

Commanding _____

Statement of Service of No. 4249 Name *Maerquith Hugh Gilmore*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>AD Reg 22 B</i>				
	15/15 Bate Serjt. R.O. 257	2d. 9.15	30.12.15	
	Acting Lt. S. A.	31.12.15		
	ADMITTED No 2 A.S. HOSPITAL	N.Y.D.	9.5.16	7150 1.6.16
	ADMITTED No 2 A.S. HOSPITAL			
	Del. to Kibira Mumps	16.5.16		2110 13.6.16
<i>H Aux.</i>	Discharged to duty	9.6.16		2190 4.7.16
	Wiam. Egypt ex Commonwealth			
	Ex Aust. 5.5.16 A.P. 1516			
	H Aux. Mumps Cam. Helioptis	9.6.16		R 1550
	2. Adjt. cam Mumps	7.6.16		R 1546
	Smt. of 3000 B. Coy of			
	2d Lt. 6.8.16 A.P. 1516			
	Reverted to private on			
	forming 4th Aust Div			
	Base Depot of staples			
	from 15th Reinforce to 15024916			
	of J. J.			
	PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE	33.9.16		R 2/43 772E 2/10/16
	12th draft B. Pls B. B. F.			
	joined 10th Bn from H			
	Aust Div Base Depot	Staples	4.10.16	9629. 18.10.16
	request of duty when in charge of a			
	guard. 1st - Allowing 2 prisoners			
	to escape Reprimanded	1.9.16		R 1/07-904E. 12.10.16
	promoted Corporal (1st Lt)	10.10.16		82-9761. 24.10.16
	To hospit Sick Field	23.11.16		R 1/5 10554 6.12.16
	Revert. to rank of Pte			
	in evacuating Sick to			
	hospit Field	23.11.16		R 1/5 10610. 6.12.16
	Repd Ben pm hospit Field	1.12.16		R 1/5 10669. 10.12.16
	Pro. Temp. Capt. in	1.12.16		R 1/5 10736. 10.12.16
	Vic. Col. Recruiting P. B. Wounded	20.5.16		

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

R. J. R. L. L.

Record of Service in the Field, also Reference to Decorations, etc., granted, and dates showing the period in each case.

PARTICULARS	Reference to Orders or other Authority
27.9.17. Adm. 20 Gen. Hosp. Danvers. Lanciers, S. I. V. arm. France	H. W. 7125. 4/5. 554.
26.9.17. Wounded in action	A. H. 2. 1123. P. 2/4. 12. 7/29/17.
5.10.17. Adm. 20 Gen. Hosp. Danvers. Lanciers. S. I. V. arm. France.	H. W. 7125. 4/5. 554.
26.9.17. Bvac. wounded, is placed on the Seconded List.	H. W. 7125. 4/5. 554.
5.10.17. Embarked on H.C. "Wardha" for transfer to England S. W. Arm.	P. 54/16106. 29/10/17.
Seconded "M.C."	Supp. 270359. 19/11/17. 28/11/17. 26.1.
17.12.17. M.B. To No 6 A.A.H.	M.B.
1.1.18. M.B. To No 6 A.A.H. Aust. Headon to No 6 A.A.H.	M.B.
21.1.18. M.B. To No 6 A.A.H. Aust. Headon to No 6 A.A.H.	M.B.
10.1.18. Cont. per H.T. Bourne for Det. to Australia G.S.W. Pt. arm. frs. Numerus. change.	H. W. 7125. 4/5. 554.
10.1.18. Struck off strength	A. H. 2. 1123. P. 2/4. 12. 7/29/17.
Awarded Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set such a splendid example of dash and determination to his men during an attack, that they carried all opposition before them. His fearlessness and contempt of danger had a marked effect on the success of the operations. (Extract from London Gazette Supp. No 30590. 22/3/18)	A. H. 2. 1123. P. 2/4. 12. 7/29/17.

WJM/BS.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A.I.F.,
19th August, 1918.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Fourth Supplement, No. 30590 to the London Gazette, dated 19th March, 1918, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, Lieutenant H. G. Macgrath, M.C., late of the Australian Imperial Force.

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AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS

* With reference to the award conferred as announced in the London Gazette, dated 19th November 1917, the following are the statements of service for which the decoration was conferred :-

Lieutenant HUGH GILMORE MACGRAITH, M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set such a splendid example of dash and determination to his men during an attack that they carried all opposition before them. His fearlessness and contempt of danger had a marked effect on the success of the operations.

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 120, dated 7th August, 1918.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

A. E. Macgrath Esq.,
C/o Dalgety & Co. Ltd.,
Adelaide,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Officer i/c Base Records.

To
THE CHIEF PAYMASTER.

EML.

NON EFFECTIVE STATEMENT.

Reg. No. (4849) Rank LIEUT Name MACGILLIVRAY H.O. Unit 18th. Bn.
 Military District 2nd. A.D. Date of Enlistment 15/15th. Bn. Date of Exbarbation 22/2/16

TRANSFERS	Date	Reference
Nil.		
<u>PROMOTIONS, ATTAINMENTS, REVERSIONS and DECORATIONS</u>		
A/Sgt. reverts to Perm. Grade	24/9/16	DO. 81/9452 12/10/16
Promoted T/Cpl.	10/10/16	DO. 83/9761. 24/10/16
T/Cpl. reverts to Pte.	23/11/16	DO. 89/10614. 6/12/16.
FORFEITURE OF COMMISSION V.D. ETC.		
Promoted T/Cpl.	1/12/16	DO. 92/10786. 20/12/16
T/Cpl. Promoted Cpl.	1/1/17	DO. 8/849, 20/1/17
Cpl. Promoted T/Sgt.	8/2/17	DO. 16/1317. 27/2/17
T/Sgt. Promoted Sgt.	17/4/17	DO. 28/3043. 10/5/17
Sgt. Promoted S/Lieut.	20/4/17	DO. 29/3532. 16/8/17
S/Lieut. Promoted Lieut.	16/9/17	DO. 52/6697. 13/10/17
Awarded Milt. Cross. (Extract from London Gazette Sup. No. 30220 dated 22/2/18)		DO. 22/1143E 11/4/18.
<u>FORFEITURES, ORDERS, V.D., ETC.</u>		
Nil.		
<u>CAUSE OF BECOMING NON EFFECTIVE WITH DATE OF CASUALTY</u>		
Returned to Australia per H.T. "CORINTHIC" from England, for Change. "G.O.S. RT. ARM FRAC. NUMBER" S.O.S.	10/1/18	DO. 6/338H 21/1/18.

COMPILED FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS OFFICE

ON THE 4/8/18

Q.S. SPEDDING LIEUT.

Per Officer i/c Records.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A. I. F.,
14th March, 1918.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Fifth Supplement No. 30389 to the London Gazette dated 16th November, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, Lieutenant H. G. Macgraith, 15th Battalion.

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AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS

* HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been pleased to confer the abovementioned reward for gallantry and distinguished service in the Field :-

Lieutenant HUGH GILMORE MACGRAITH.

The acts of gallantry for which the decoration has been awarded will be announced in the London Gazette as early as practicable. "

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 31 dated 7th March, 1918.

Yours faithfully,

A. E. Macgraith, Esq.,
C/o Dalgety & Coy, Ltd.,
Adelaide, S. A.

Capt.,
for Officer i/c Base Records.

MAEGRAITH, Hugh Gilmore

Service no 4849
Lieutenant
15/15 Battalion

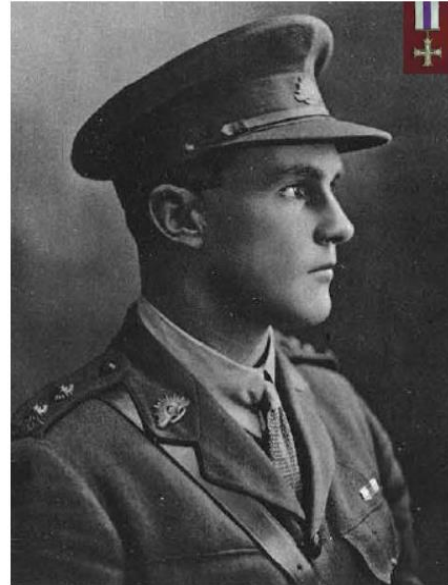
Born 10 January 1895 at Prospect, SA
Son of Alfred Edward MAEGRAIGH & Louisa Blanche nee GILMORE

Educated at the University College, North Adelaide, and entered the service of the Bank on 12th January 1915 at Lismore. Enlisting in Brisbane on 9th September of that year he was allotted to the reinforcements of the 15th Battalion.

He embarked soon afterwards and saw service in Egypt, France and Belgium, receiving promotion to the rank of corporal in October 1916, sergeant, February 1917, second lieutenant in April 1917 and first lieutenant in September 1917. Six days after his last promotion he was awarded the Military Cross for gallant conduct in action near Zonnebeke, Belgium.

"He set such a splendid example, 'runs the official record,' of dash and determination to his men during an attack, that they carried all opposition before them. His fearlessness and contempt of danger had a marked effect on the success of the operations."

In the course of this engagement (the Battle of Menin Road) Lieutenant Maegraigh was severely wounded. He was consequently invalided home and received his discharge from the AIF on 23rd May 1918.



[Bank of New South Wales Honour Roll](#)