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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 6939 Name MACTIER Robert V.C.
Unit 19/23rd Regt
Joined on 12. 4. 17

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? 25 ... 1. Robert Mactier
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... 2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of Tatura in the County of _____
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... 3. yes. Nat. Born
4. What is your age? ... 4. 26 yrs 9 months
5. What is your trade or calling? ... 5. Farmer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... 6. No
7. Are you married? ... 7. No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... 8. Father/ Robert Mactier Tatura Post Office Victoria
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... 9. No
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. 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 ... 11. No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... 12. yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... 13. 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? ... 14. _____
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... 15. yes

I, Robert Mactier 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 $\frac{two-fifths}{three-fifths}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife.*† wife and children.

Date 16/17

Robert Mactier
Signature of person enlisted.

D.377/1.15.—C.662. *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.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him. I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct. (This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date 1/3/17

[Signature] Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, Robert MacTier swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 1/3/17 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

[Signature] Signatur Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Seymour in the State of Victoria this 1st day of March 1917, before me—

[Signature] Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

Description of _____ on Enlistment.

Age <u>26</u> years <u>9</u> months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. <i>Small scar just above Right knee Cap + small scar on palm of left hand also scar $\frac{1}{2}$ on right eye</i>
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>6</u> inches.	
Weight <u>137</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <u>34/36</u> inches.	
Complexion <u>Brown</u>	
Eyes <u>Blue</u>	
Hair <u>Brown</u>	
Religious Denomination <u>Presb.</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; 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 12 March 1917

Place Simon

[Signature]
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 19/23rd Inf Regt

Date 12.4.17

Place Broadmeadows

[Signature]
Commanding 19/23rd Inf Regt

D. 277/4.15.—C. 4097.

1203 France
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Statement of Service of No. 6939 Name MACTIER, Robert

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
Recruits Batt. B' Meadows.	<u>Private.</u>	23/3/17	10/4/17	7. No 1 Batt B' Meadows.
1st [Depot] Batt. A.I.F. BROADMEADOWS		APR 10 1917	12.4.17	19/23rd
19/23rd		12.4.17	11/5/17	Embarked HMAT Ascarius A"
	A 11 Embarked Melbourne 11-5-17			
	Dise-bka Lev-np-rt 20-7-17 LR,5643			
	Ans. to 6 th Bn from Aust ex HMAT	Holleston	20/7/17	PTL 60/4648 5/15/17 L.R. 4945
	Pass. of sea from ex Lovant	Southampton	14.11.17	LR 1053/5915 20.11.17
	9.05 of 23 rd Bn A.I.F. from 19 th Regt " " "	France	23.11.17	41049/7397 12/17
	KILLED IN ACTION	France	1.9.18	CIBT. 2821 1936/5163 14.9.18 B3205
	Buried Clergy British Cem: 2 3/4 miles N.W. of Peronne. D.G.A.B. L.S. 2623.			

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

SEE COPY AT 2103 ENCLOSED

Statement of Service of No. _____ Name _____

Unit.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Place.	Date.	Remarks.
<h2>AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE</h2>				
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Statement of Service of No. 6939

Name Mactier R. V.C.

Unit	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Place	Date	Remarks
	<p>Extract from "The London Gazette" Supplement No 31067 - dated 14.12.18. H.M. The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the <u>VICTORIA CROSS</u> to the <u>Army</u> soldier for most conspicuous bravery & devotion to duty on the morning of the 1st Sept 1918 during the attack on the village of Mt St Quentin.</p> <p>Prior to the advance of the Battalion it was necessary to clear up several enemy strong points close to our line. This the bombing patrols sent forward failed to effect & the Battalion was unable to move the machine single handed & in daylight thereupon jumped out of the trench rushed past the block, closed with & killed the machine gun garrison of eight men with his revolver & bombs & threw the enemy machine gun over the parapet. Then rushing forward about 20 yards, he jumped into another strong point held by a garrison of six men who immediately surrendered. Continuing to the next block through the trench he disposed of an enemy machine gun which had been enfilading our flank advancing troops, & was killed by another machine gun at close range. It was entirely due to the exceptional valour & determination of Pte Mactier that the Batt. was able to move on its "jumping off" trench & carry on the successful operation of capturing the village of Mt St Quentin a few hours later.</p>			

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 6939 Name MACTIER, Robert
 Unit 19 Rfts 23 Btn 19/23rd Pfts
 V 62377 Joined on 12.4.17

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Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Robert Mactier
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Jabura in the County of Victoria
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... yes. Nat Born Brit Subj
4. What is your age? ... 26 yrs 9 months
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Farmer
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) ... Father, Robert Mactier, Jabura, Brit Office
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 ... No
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, Robert Mactier 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 of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 1/2/17

Robert Mactier
Signature of person enlisted.

D.377/L.15.—C.662. *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.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date 1/3/17

Leslie Holder Lieut.
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3, Robert Mactier swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 1/3/17 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

Robert Mactier
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Seymour in the State of Victoria this 1st day of March 1917, before me—

Leslie Holder Lieut.
Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

Description of on Enlistment.

Age.....	26 years 9 months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. small scar just above right knee cap & small scar on palm of left hand also scar over right eye.
Height.....	5 feet 6 inches.	
Weight.....	137 lbs.	
Chest Measurement.....	34 3/4 inches.	
Complexion.....	Brown	
Eyes.....	Blue	
Hair.....	Brown	
Religious Denomination.....	Presb.	

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.....

Place.....

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 19/23rd Inf Regt.

Date 12. 4. 17

Place Broadmeadows.

Commanding 19/23rd

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Statement of Service of No. 6939 Name MACTIER, Robert

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
Recruits Batt. B' Meadows.	Private.	23/3/17.	10/4/17	To No 1 Batt B' Meadows.
1st [Deroy] Batt. A.I.F. BROADMEADOWS		APR 10 1917	12.4.17	19/23rd B' Co Embarked
19/23rd B' Co		12.4.17		
Emb. & Melbourne per A11 "Ascanius" 11.5.17				
19/23rd Btn.	Pte.			
<i>Awarded Victoria Cross</i>				<i>Copy to 19/23rd B' Co</i>

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

Original.
Duplicate.

APPLICATION TO ENLIST IN THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

To the Recruiting Officer

(OFFICIAL STAMP.)

at

Seymour

I, *Robert Mactier*

hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

POSTAL ADDRESS.

Tatura

Signature *Robert Mactier*

Occupation *Farmer*

Date *1/3/17*

(For Identification purposes the above space should be filled in personally by the Applicant.)

CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. (For Persons under 21 years of age.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I approve of the above application, and consent to the enlistment of my ^{son} _{ward} for Active Service Abroad.

Statement regarding Death or Absence of either or both Parents.

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

or

Guardian's Signature

PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

Age— *26* yrs. *9* mos. | Height— *5* ft. *6* ins.

Chest Measurement (fully expanded)

Married. Widower. Single.

36 1/2 inches.

PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Decision of Medical Authority { FIT for Active Service.
~~UNFIT, for the following reasons.~~

Place *Seymour*

Date *1/3/17*

Signature of Medical Authority.

I Concur

Place *Seymour*

Date *1/3/17*

Signature of M.O. at Central Recruiting Depot.

CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that I have this day provisionally ~~REJECTED~~ **ACCEPTED** this applicant for enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force.

(Signature)

J. Holden
Recruiting Officer.

Place *Seymour*

Date *1/3/17*

D. 585/7.15.—C. 9097.

[OVER.]

INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) Application forms received by Recruiting Officers will not be handed back again to applicants, but will be passed direct to the Medical Practitioner, who will similarly return them to the Recruiting Officer, who will then forward them by post to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot to which recruits are instructed by them to report.

(2) If an Applicant who has been rejected desires a copy of this certificate, it must be completed in duplicate at the time of Medical Examination, and the word "original" or "duplicate," as the case may be, will appear on top of the respective forms. Both copies will be forwarded to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot, where the duplicate will be impressed with the official stamp and then returned to the Applicant.

(3) Copies will **NOT** be made of any certificates of acceptance. The word "Duplicate" will be struck out of such certificates, and they will be sent to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot by post.

(4) Names of accepted applicants who do not report at Central Recruiting Depot within the prescribed time will be forwarded to the local Recruiting Officer for information.

(5) When alternatives are shown on the front of the form such as :—

Fit	Son	Married	Original
Unfit	Ward	Widower	Duplicate
		Single	

 strike out the words which are not applicable.

(6) Only those persons who fulfil the requirements in all other respects will be examined regarding medical fitness. These requirements may be ascertained by reference to daily newspapers and official posters.

(7) The Central Recruiting Depot to which accepted applicants from various places will be sent for final medical examination will be determined by District Commandants. Recruiting Officers at outlying places will require to issue clear instructions to such applicants informing them where and when to report, and will forward the application forms in time to ensure that they will be in the hands of the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot when the recruit reports for enlistment.

	<i>Spaces for identification by means of handwriting.</i>
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CASUALTY FORM—ACTIVE SERVICE.

Regimental No. 6939 Rank Pls. Name Chactier
 Regiment or Corps 23rd Batt.
 Enlisted (a) Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a) Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.'s
 Date of Promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank
 Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Date.	Report.		Place.	Date.	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
	From whom Received.	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.			
		<p>Prior to the advance of the battalion it was necessary to clear up several enemy strong points close to our line. This the bombing patrols sent forward failing to affect and the battalion was unable to move.</p> <p>Pte. Chactier single handed and in day light, rushed past the block, closed with and killed the ch. G. garrison of 8 men with his revolver and bombs and threw the enemy machine gun over the parapet then rushing forward about 20 yards he jumped into another strong point held by a garrison of 6 men who immediately surrendered, containing to the next block through the trench he disposed of an enemy machine gun which had been infiltrating our flank advancing troops and was then killed by another machine gun at close range.</p>			Ido No. 14/206/1919 W
					Ido No. 14/207/1919 W

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) Sigsuller, Shooing Smith, &c., also special qualifications in technical corps duties.

Report.		Place.	Date.	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date.	From whom Received.			
		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.		
		<i>It was entirely due to this exceptional valour and determination of H. Mactier that the 1st Btn was able to move off to this site a jumping off trench and carry on the successful operation of capturing the Village of Mt. St. Quentin a few hours later.</i> A.X. 19594 I.G. 31067, 14.12.18		<i>Hdn/o. 14/207/1919 MR</i>
		<i>H. M. the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the A. W. Soldier for most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the morning of the 1st Sept. 1918 during the attack on the Village of Mt. St. Quentin.</i>		<i>Hdn/o. 14/206/19 MR</i>

Regimental Number **6939**

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form - Active Service

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Regiment or Corps **19/23rd Battalion, A.I.F.**

Christian Name **Robert.**

Rank **Private** Surname **MACTIER**

Age on Enlistment **26** years **9** months

Religion **Pres.** Period of War **1/3/17**

Enlisted (a) **1/3/17** Terms of Service (a) & **4 months** Service reckons from (a) **1/3/17**

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) or Corps Trade and Rate

Occupation Signature of Officer

Date	Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
	From whom received				
	England	D.O.60/4648E (1917)			
	do	D.O.88/E (1917)			
	C.O.23rd Bn.	D.O.49/7397 (1917)			
	do	D.O.36/5163 (1918)			
	Original forwarded London / /18.				
	AUSTRALIAN SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q., British Expeditionary Force.				Lieut., For Officer i/c Records.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted in Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered. (17761.) Wt. W 1887-P 1124, 1,000,000, 618, D & S, Form B.103, (E. 1256.)

IP.T.O.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 10/23rd BATTALION. Regimental Number 6939

*Substantive Rank Pte. Surname MACFIEB. Christian Names Robert

*Acting Rank _____
(* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

(A) Report		(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
Date.	From whom received.	Authority of Part II. of Orders	Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, transfers, postings, &c. All entries will substantiate those shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	Place of casualty	Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
		OC. Trps. ALL.				
22/7/17	OC. 6th.	M/I. from Aust: X H.M.T. ALL.		M'bourne	11/5/17	
13/11/17	T. Bn.	Proc'd. O/S. France X Fovant		Devonport	20/7/17	
15/11/17	2nd. Aus:	M/I. from England		R'stone	20/7/17	D060/4648
19/11/17	Div: B	M/O. to Unit.		S'hampton	14/11/17	D088/E
24/11/17	CO23rd.	T.O.S.		Havre	15/11/17	22/11/17.
7/9/18	Bn.	"		Field	19/11/17	7
4/12/18	"	KILLED IN ACTION		France	23/11/17	D049/739
	AUSTRALIAN SECTION, 3rd. ECHELON				1/9/18	D036/5163
	G.H.Q. B.E.F.					

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W1889-PP1150 5/18 G.W.P.Co (3490)

12-12-18. A.I.F. List no 423. Extract from "The London Gazette" Supplement
no 31067 dated 14. 12. 18.
AX 19591
H.M. The King has been graciously pleased to
approve of the award of the VICTORIA CROSS
to the aforesaid soldier for most conspicuous
bravery & devotion to duty on the
NAVA. B2455. MACFIEB R

Do 141224
1919
18-1-19

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of the 1st of September 1918 - during the attack on the village of Mt St Quentin prior to the ~~attack~~ advance of the Batt it was necessary to clear up several enemy strong points close to our line, this the bounding tabole sent forward failed to effect + the Batt was unable to move. Pte MacTier single ended + in a slight there upon jumped out of the

(A) Report	(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
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trench wished that the block closed with + killed the machine gun garrison of eight men with his revolver + bombs + threw the enemy machine gun over the parapet. Then rushing forward about 20 yards, he jumped into another strong point held by a garrison of six men who immediately surrendered. Continuing to the next block through the trench he disposed of an enemy machine gun which had been infiltrating our flank advancing troops, + was then killed by another machine gun at close range. It was entirely due to this exceptional valour + determination of Pte MacTier that the Battalion was able to move on to its "jumping off" trench + carry out the successful operation of capturing the village of Mt St Quentin a few hours later.

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 19/23rd. BATTALION. Regimental Number 6939

*Substantive Rank Pte. Surname MACTIER, Christian Names Robert

*Acting Rank _____
(* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

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W1889-P1150 500,000 B/18 G.W.P.Co (3490)

(A) Report		(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, &c. All acting in the capacity of an officer in the Army, A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
Date.	From whom received.					
		OC. Trps. All.				
22/7/17		OC. 6th. M/I. from Aust: X H.M.T. All.				M'bourne 11/5/17 Devonport 20/7/17 R'stone 20/7/17 D050/4648 ⁶⁰
13/11/17		T. Bn. " Proc'd. O/S, France X Fovant				S'hampton 14/11/17. D088/E 22/11/17.
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7/9/18		Bn. " KILLED IN ACTION				France 1/9/18 D036/5163 ⁹²⁰
4/12/18		AUSTRALIAN SECTION, 3rd. ECHELON G.H.Q. B.E.F.				LIEUT. For O.I/c.of Records.

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regimental Number **6939**

Regiment **19/23RD. BATTALION.**

Christian Names **ROBERT**

Surname **MACTIER.**

*Acting Rank _____
(* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alterations.)

(A) Report		(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, &c. All acting as well as substantive ranks to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
Date.	From whom received.					
		OC. Trps. All.				
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7/9/18	"	KILLED IN ACTION				France 1/9/18 D036/5153
4/12/18	AUSTRALIAN SECTION, 3rd. BCHILLON G.H.C. B.P.F.					LIEUT. For O.I./c.o.f Records.

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Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regimental Number 6939

Rank Pte Surname MACTIER Christian Name Robert

Regiment or Corps 19/23rd Bn An Age on Enlistment 26 years 9 months.

Religion Pres Terms of Service (a) 13/17 Service reckons from (a) 13/17

Enlisted (a) 13/17 Date of appointment to present rank _____

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) _____
or Corps Trade and Rate _____

Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 38, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 38, or other official documents
	From whom received					
		OC Troops	Embarked ... Disembarked <u>Doverport</u>	<u>Mulbourn</u>	<u>11.5.17</u>	<u>L45647</u>
<u>22.7.17</u>	<u>O.C. 6th Eng Bn</u>	<u>Pte</u>	<u>trn from Australia</u>	<u>Rollstone</u>	<u>20.7.17</u>	<u>21.7.17</u> <u>L.P. 457213</u> <u>1060/E/5.8.17</u>
<u>13.11.17</u>	<u>OC 6th Bn</u>	<u>Pte</u>	<u>Proceeded to sea France</u>	<u>Southampton</u>	<u>14.11.17</u>	<u>L.P. 10031</u> <u>10688/E/22.11.17</u>
<u>15.11.17</u>	<u>2nd Aust</u>	<u>Marched in from Egypt</u>		<u>Havre</u>	<u>15.11.17</u>	<u>1712630</u>
<u>19.11.17</u>	<u>Div'l Base</u>	<u>Marched out to Unit</u>			<u>19.11.17</u>	<u>1712695</u>
<u>24.11.17</u>	<u>Base Co 238</u>	<u>TAKEN ON STRENGTH</u>	<u>Pte</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>23.11.17</u>	<u>1712697</u> <u>1712697</u>
<u>17/9/18</u>	"	<u>Pte KILLED IN ACTION</u>	<u>Pte. War killed</u>	<u>FRANCE</u>	<u>4.7.18</u>	<u>55/2417</u> <u>B 15/88 VL 825</u> <u>AT 25124</u> <u>D.O. 36/51631918</u>

AUSTRALIAN SECTION 3rd ECHELON, G.H.Q..B.E.F.P. for Officer i/c Records

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) Signaller, Shooting Smiths, &c.

Page 2.

Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents

NAA: B2455: MACTIER R

National Archives of Australia

TR/HC.

Particulars of service in the A.I.F. of
the late ex No. 6939 Private Robert MACTIER, V.C.,
23rd Battalion.

- - - - -

- 1. 3.17 Enlisted in the A.I.F. at Seymour, Victoria
- 11. 5.17 Embarked for active service abroad.
- 7. 9.18 Killed in Action
- 14.12.18 Awarded the Victoria Cross.

Copy of extract from the "London Gazette",
 dated 14th December, 1918, referring to the award of
 the Victoria Cross to the late No. 6939 Private Robert
 MACTIER, 23rd Battalion, Australian Imperial Force.

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased
 to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the above-
 mentioned soldier for most conspicuous bravery and devotion
 to duty on the morning of the 1st September, 1918, during
 the attack on the village of Mt. St. Quentin.

Prior to the advance of the Battalion, it was
 necessary to clear up several enemy strong points close
 to our line. This, the bombing patrols sent forward, failed
 to effect, and the Battalion was unable to move.

Private MACTIER, single-handed, and in daylight,
 thereupon jumped out of the trench, rushed past the block,
 closed with and killed the machine-gun garrison of eight men
 with his revolver and bombs, and threw the enemy machine-gun
 over the parapet. Then, rushing forward about 20 yards,
 he jumped into another strong point held by a garrison of
 six men, who immediately surrendered. Continuing to the next
 block through the trench, he disposed of an enemy machine-gun
 which had been enfilading our flank advancing troops, and was then
 killed by another machine-gun at close range.

It was entirely due to this exceptional valour and
 determination of Private Mactier that the Battalion was able
 to move on to the "Jumping-off" trench and carry out the
 successful operation of capturing the village of Mt. St. Quentin a
 few hours later".

Port. J. N/E L 965 6939

A.M. Form D. 1.
D 50986

To be used for Enlistment in the Permanent Military Forces only.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname *Maclier* Christian Name *Robert*

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace

Examined { on *1st* day of *March* 19*17*.
at *Sydney*

Declared Age *26 years 9 months*

Trade or Occupation *Farmer*

Height *5* feet *6* inches.

Weight *137* lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded *36 1/2* inches.
Range of Expansion *2 1/2* inches.

Physical Development and Pulse rate *Good.*

Vaccination Marks	Arm	Right.	Left.
	Number		<i>1</i>

When Vaccinated *1917*

Vision { R.E.—V= *6/6*
L.E.—V= *6/6*

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease { -
-
-

(b) Slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection { -
-
-

Approved by ... (Signature) *[Signature]*
(Rank) *Capt.* Medical Officer.

Enlisted { at
on _____ day of _____ 19__

Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>6939</i>
Transferred to	<i>19/23</i>	

Became non-effective by
on _____ day of _____ 19__

(Signature) _____
(Rank) _____

D.25571.1d. — C.18069

P.T.O.

Table II.—Only for Admissions to Hospital or to the

Name of Hospital.	Admitted to Hospital.			Discharged from Hospital.			Disease.	Number of days in Hospital.
	Day.	Month.	Year.	Day.	Month.	Year.		
BROADMEADOWS								No Admissions

Part 1

Sick List in the case of Warrant Officers treated in Quarters.

Remarks bearing on the Cause, Nature, or Treatment of the Case, likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of Syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. If an accident, state whether it occurred on duty.

Signature of Medical Officer.

[Signature] Capt.
[Signature] Lt. Col.

Part 2

Table III.—Boards ; Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c. ; Examinations for Transfer or Service Abroad, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service ; Issue of Surgical Appliances ; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date.	Brief Details, and Signature.	
BROADMEADOWS	23 Mar 1917	1 st Typhoid Inoc 250 Mil. <i>[Signature]</i> Capt. A.A.M.C.
BROADMEADOWS	28 MAR 1917	2nd Typhoid Inoc. 500 Mil. <i>[Signature]</i> Capt. A.A.M.C.
BROADMEADOWS	3 APR 1917	Vaccination Marks <i>[Signature]</i> Capt. A.A.M.C.
BROADMEADOWS	9 MAY 1917	FINAL EXAMINATION <i>[Signature]</i> Capt. A.A.M.C.
71-7-17	TAB	Rollerstone <i>[Signature]</i>
28-7-17	TAB	<i>[Signature]</i>
NB 11-17	Re examined Med fit	<i>[Signature]</i> Capt.

Table IV.—Service Table.

Station.	Date of Arrival.	Date of Departure.	Station.	Date of Arrival.	Date of Departure.
BROADMEADOWS	23/3/17				

HEM FARM MILITARY CEMETERY
4 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles W.N.W. of PERONNE.

GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS.
(EXHUMATIONS).

37th Bn.	2242	JENKINS. F. G.	Pte	30.8. 18
		Report Hem Monaco 2.34E		
38th "	1119	BURGDORF. C. H.?	"	5. 1.19 ?
		Report Hem Monaco 2.45E		
53rd "		DAVIES. L	Lt.	1. 9.18
		Report Hem Monaco 2.50E		
34th "	7869	JESSOP. C. E.	Pte.	31.8.18.
		Report Hem Monaco 2.43E		
23rd "	6939	✓ MACTIER. R. ???? (V.C.) ^a		1.9. 18. <i>no</i>
		Report Hem Monaco 2.48E		
38th "	1791	BEGGIE. A. H.	"	31. 8.18
		Report Hem Monaco 2.45E		

Original in file of the late No. 2242 Pte JENKINS.P.G.
37th Bn.

FF

No. 6939

----- Private Robert Mactier

23rd Battalion,

Australian Imperial Force.

xxxxx was killed in action -----

(No record available)

1st September 18

Cable No. C.I.F.L.

2021, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London,

9th September, 1918, Monday 6th September, 1918 Commandant, A.I.F.

Headquarters 18

Major


KW.

7th January, 1921.

Sir,

No. 6939, Private R. Mactier, "V.C.", 23rd Battalion, the late
exhumed and re-interred in the Hem Farm Military Cemetery, 4¼ miles
west north west of Peronne. his remains have been

This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence
in the presence of a Chaplain.



Mr. R. Mactier,
Post Office,
Tatura, V.

TELEPHONE:
CENTRAL 4741.

In all communications regimental number,
rank, full name and unit of Soldier referred
to, are to be stated.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

Melbourne,

Dear

Forwarded herewith are photographs and
description of the locality of the grave of

which I trust come safely to hand. Any discrepancy
appearing on the temporary memorial will be rectified when
the permanent headstone is erected.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LEAN, Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

E. G.

12th March, 1921.

14 MAR 1921

DESPATCHED

Dear Sir,

Attached hereto please find official receipt for remittance forwarded by you in connexion with your application for two dozen additional photographs of the grave of the late Mc. 0939 Private R. Mactier, V.C., 23rd Battalion. When same come to hand they will be promptly forwarded.

Yours faithfully,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. R. Mactier, P.O.
Tatura, VICTORIA.

Enc. 1

M/48/94

5th April, 1921.

8

6 APR 1921

DESPATCHED

Dear Madam,

With further reference to your communication of 27/7/20 attached hereto please find four photographs of the grave of the late No. 6939 Private h. Mactier, V.C., 23rd Battalion.

Yours faithfully,

Major,
 Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. S. J. Crawford,
 "Belmont"

TATURA. VIC.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, MACTIER R

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred to are to be stated.

**BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE.**

Dear I to advise you that
has been reported

His postal address will be—

Australian Imperial Force,
Abroad.

Don't fail to send change of your address to Base Records, Melbourne.

In the absence of further reports it is to be assumed that satisfactory progress is being maintained, but anything later received will be promptly transmitted, **it being clearly understood that if no further advice is forwarded this department has no more information to supply.**

Yours faithfully.

J. J. J. J. Major,
Officer in Charge: B24350NACTIER R

National Archives of Australia

No. 6939. Pic Mactier R. VC 23rd Bn

8 Copies of Photograph of the
Grave of the above to be sent to

Receipt Only
To go forward

Sister

Mrs S. J. Crawford

"Belmont"

Latura. Vic.

Cash 2/-

Cheque Cash 2/- received
and Official Receipt No. 863464 issued.

Listed for London
in April 1921

D. J. McLaughlin
for RECEIVING OFFICER.
DEFENCE (Central Administration)
NAA: B2455, MACTIER R

National Archives of Australia
2/21 S

TELEPHONE:
CENTRAL 4741.

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to, are to be stated.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS

Melbourne,

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Yours faithfully,

J.M. LEAM, Major,
Officer i/o Base Records.

RECEIVED (Central Administration)
RECEIVING OFFICER

LE/MS

W.H.
15th April, 1921.

DESPATCHED

18 APR 1921

Dear Madam,

With reference to application for eight additional copies of the photograph of the grave of the late-No. 6939, Private, R.Mactier, "VC", 23rd Battalion, I have to advise same has been referred to London for compliance.

Receipt for remittance is enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. S. J. Crawford,
"Belmont",
Tatura - Vic.

Enclosure

In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred to are to be stated.

B.R. Form No. 6.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

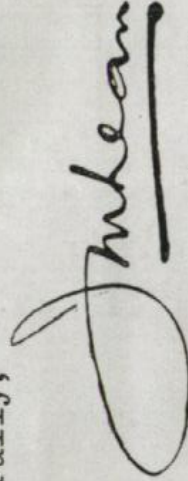
BASE RECORDS OFFICE.
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE.

Dear

As requested in your communication of

I beg to enclose herewith certificate of report of death of
the late

Yours faithfully,

 Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

Don't fail to send change of your address to Base Records, Melbourne.

D. 1382/8 IS.—C.13424.—20M.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, MACTIER R



IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—
 "THE SECRETARY," (WORKS)
 and the following number quoted:—
 1/A25/520/W.

82, BAKER STREET,
 LONDON, W 1.

1st January, 1925.

Sir,

6939 Private R. Mactier, V.C.
 23rd Bn. Australian Inf.
 HEM FARM MILITARY CEMETERY.
 Plot II, Row "J", Grave 3.

(1)

I enclose herewith special layout showing how it is proposed to engrave the headstone for this soldier.

Will you please ascertain whether the design meets with the approval of the next-of-kin.

The personal inscription shown on the layout is that submitted by the father Mr. Robert Mactier of Reitcam, Tatura, Victoria.

The layout should be returned with your reply.

ENCL:



The Officer i/c Base Records,
 Victoria Barracks,
 Melbourne,
 Victoria,
 AUSTRALIA.

DECEASED
 SECTION

FEB 9 1925

RECEIVED

I am, Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,

John Mactier
 for DIRECTOR OF WORKS.

TO AVOID DELAY.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY,
 SECRETARY, WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NAA: B2455, MACTIER R

E.G.

XXXX 4780

3 - MAR 1925

DESPATCHED

Dear Sir,

With reference to my communication of 11th February, it is desired to advise the Imperial War Graves Commission without undue delay regarding your wishes in connection with the design of the permanent headstone to be erected over the grave of your son, the late No.6939 Private R.Mactier, V.C., 23rd Battalion, and I should be glad of your early reply in the matter. Kindly also return the layout forwarded with my previous letter.

Yours faithfully,

Captain,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. R. Mactier,
Post Office,
TATURA. VIC.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455; MACTIER R

JE/EG

xxx 4780

11 FEB 1925

Dear Sir,

At the request of the Imperial War Graves Commission I am forwarding herewith special layout of the headstone to be erected to the memory of your son, the late No. 6939 Private R. Mactier, V.C., 23rd Battalion, and should be glad to learn in due course whether the design meets with your approval.

You will observe the inclusion of the personal inscription previously submitted by you in this connection.

For your further information it is desired to add that the following is the official registration allotted to the site of the late soldier's final resting place in the Hem Farm Military Cemetery, viz :-

Plot 2, Row J, Grave 3.

Kindly return layout when replying.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. R. Mactier,
Post Office,
TATURA, VIC.

Officer i/c Base Records.
Captain,

*Mactier
2/12/25*

Box 21 Latua
March 4th

Dear Sir

Am returning the
plan of the stone to be put on
my sons grave in France

I must thank you very much for
sending it for us to see. It only
helps to show that everything that
can be done is done, no one can
tell how we parents, brothers, sisters
appreciate it all

Sorry that it has not been sent back
sooner but mother was away when
it came and kept it for her to see
again thanking you very much

I am

Yours Sincerely
R. Mactier

JE/EW

XXX 4780

6 - MAR 1925

The Secretary,
Works Department,
Imperial War Graves Commission,
82 Baker Street,
LONDON, W.1.

Referring to your No.1/A25/520/W of
1st January, I am returning herewith proposed layout of headstone
to be erected over the grave of the late No.6939 Private R. MACTIER,
"VC", 23rd Battalion, in the HEM FARM MILITARY CEMETERY, with which
next-of-kin expresses approval.

Officer i/c Base Records.
Captain,

11.9.25

Reitcam

Box 21

Jatura



Dear Sir.

I am writing to ask for information. Last year I visited my brother's grave in France (the late 6939 Private R. Bractier V.C.) & only the wooden cross was there. They were getting ready for the stones that they expected any time. Since then we had word to show what the grave is like now. I am writing to ask if you could get me a photo of the cemetery & grave, also one of the Monument at Mont St. Quentin to the 2nd Aus. Div. I saw the monument in course of erection. In fact the base was almost finished & as my brother was killed at Mont St. Quentin we would like a photo of it if we could get it. Have you any idea how much it would cost to get the negatives & one photo each of the Monument to 2nd Aus. Div. at Mont St. Quentin & a photo of Hem Farm Cemetery where my brother lies & one of his grave. Awaiting your reply & thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully
Mrs. Bractier

JE/EG

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
16 SEP 1925

DESPATCH

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of 11th September, relative to the burial of your brother, the late No.6939 Private R.Mactier, V.C., 23rd Battalion, and in reply to inform you that photographs of the permanent headstone erected over the late soldier's grave in the Hem Farm Military Cemetery, France, may be obtained on application to the Secretary, St.Barnabas, 3 Rue des Marechaux, Calais, France, who will supply one negative and two prints (postcard size) for the sum of seven shillings and sixpence (7/6), including postage. Individual requests should be accompanied by Money Order, and for the information of the photographer the full regimental particulars of the soldier concerned and name of cemetery as above should also be stated.

Photographs of military cemeteries abroad may also be obtained from the above Society at varying prices. Black and white views (postcard size or 5"x 4") at the rate of 1/- each. Hand painted enlargements about 6½" x 5" suitably mounted at £2.2.0 per copy, and other colored views (about 30 sq.inches) reproduced from original paintings and showing more prominently the Cross of Sacrifice or the Stone of Remembrance at the rate of 3/- each.

It is understood this Society will be prepared to supply applicants with photographs of the 2nd Australian Divisional Memorial at Mont St. Quentin, and it is suggested that further enquiry regarding prices, etc., be addressed direct to the Secretary at Calais Headquarters.

Yours faithfully,

Captain,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Miss M.Mactier,
"Reitcam"
Box 21.
TATURA. VIC.

JE/EG

TELEPHONE.
CENTRAL 4780.

M.5

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

MELBOURNE,

DEPT. DEFENCE

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY OF DEFENCE
 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
 PARLIAMENTS HOUSE
 CANBERRA

FROM THE HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY OF DEFENCE
 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
 PARLIAMENTS HOUSE
 CANBERRA

RE: [Illegible]

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.



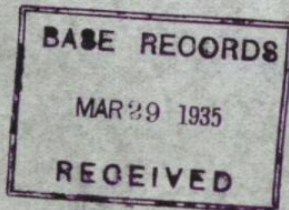
(Address) 23rd/21st Battalion
Drill Hall
(Date) Myers Street
Geelong
28/3/35.

Officer i/c Base Records.

RECORDS - LATE PTE.R.MACTIER,V.C., 23 BN.A.I.F.

Receipt of brief resume of the services of the late No.6939 Private Robert Mactier,V.C., 23rd Battalion, A.I.F. is acknowledged with thanks.

J.W. O'Connor *Lieut*
Col Lt.-Col.
C.O. 23/21 Bn.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. 34/154

23rd Battalion
GEE LONG

(Address). 23rd/21st Battalion
Drill Hall
(Date) Myers Street
Geelong
27/2/35.

Officer in Charge
Records.

Could the records of Robert Mactier V.C.
be forwarded to this Unit please, as the 23rd Battalion A.I.F.
Association are presenting a Bust to this Regiment.

Jan. S. Harrison Lt.-Col.
C.O. 23/21 Bn.

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300 DIST. REGISTRY

C. G. for Records

BASE RECORDS
MAR 1 1935
RECEIVED

23 21 Battalion
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23rd/21st Battalion
Drill Hall
Myers Street
Geelong
21/2/35.

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John A. Harrison Lt.-Col.
C.O. 23/21 Bn.

BASE RECORDS
MAR 1 1935
RECEIVED

XXX 4780

JHE.

S.C.I.

21 NOV 1934

Captain A. Rose,
Repatriation Commission,
St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE, S.C.I.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your recent representations (as per correspondence enclosed), I am forwarding herewith as requested copy of Extract from London Gazette covering the award of the Victoria Cross to the late No. 6939 Private R. MACTIER, 23rd. Battalion, which I trust will meet with your requirements.

Yours faithfully,

Encs:

Officer i/c Base Records.

Your honey to
Your life be used
to say —

21 NOV 1934

JHS.


COPY OF EXTRACT FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE" DATED 14.12.1918,
REFERRING TO THE AWARD OF THE VICTORIA CROSS TO THE LATE
NO. 6939 PRIVATE ROBERT MACTIER, 23rd. BATTALION,
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the VICTORIA CROSS to the abovementioned soldier for MOST CONSPICUOUS BRAVERY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY on the morning of the 1st. September, 1918, during the attack on the village of Mt. St. Quentin.

Prior to the advance of the Battalion, it was necessary to clear up several enemy strong points close to our line. This, the bombing patrols sent forward, failed to effect, and the Battalion was unable to move.

PRIVATE MACTIER, single-handed, and in daylight, thereupon jumped out of the trench, rushed past the block, closed with and killed the machine-gun garrison of eight men with his revolver and bombs, and threw the enemy machine-gun over the parapet. Then, rushing forward about 20 yards, he jumped into another strong point held by a garrison of six men, who immediately surrendered. Continuing to the next block through the trench, he disposed of an enemy machine-gun which had been enfilading our flank advancing troops, and was then killed by another machine-gun at close range.

It was entirely due to this EXCEPTIONAL VALOUR AND DETERMINATION OF PRIVATE MACTIER that the Battalion was able to move on to the "Jumping-off" trench and carry out the successful operation of capturing the village of Mt. St. Quentin a few hours later".


Officer i/c Base Records.


TR/NC.

17 JAN 1938

Dear Sir,

As requested I am forwarding herewith particulars of service in the A.I.F. of the late No. 6939 Private Robert MACTIER, V.C., 23rd Battalion, together with copy of the Citation relating to the award of this Decoration.

Yours faithfully,


(T. ROBINSON)
Officer i/c Base Records.

The Editor,
Mufti,
C/- R.S.S.I.L.A.,
Tramway Building,
Bourke Street,
MELBOURNE. C.I.

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Reikam
Tatura
18.7.1919

Dear Sir

It is some months since I wrote regarding a photo of the grave of my late brother 6939. Private. R. Mactier V.C. 23rd Batt who was killed in action at Mons St Quentin France on 1st Sept 1918.

I am wondering if you have a photo by now & if you would forward it to me.

I see by the Weekly Times that ~~there~~ the V.C. is the only decoration that carries a pension. Could you tell me how much it is & does it go to with the deceased soldiers decoration?

Hoping to get an early reply.

Yours faithfully
Miss) Mary Mactier

Add.

Miss Mary Mactier
Reikam
Tatura

R.G.

21st July, 1919.

D.P.M.
3rd M.D.

re the late No. 6939 Private R. Mactier, V.C., 23rd Battalion.

Appended is an extract from a communication received from Miss Mary Mactier, Keitcam, Tatura, Victoria, which is referred for favor of your attention and reply direct to writer :-

" I see by the Weekly Times that the V.C. is the only decoration that carries a pension. Could you tell me how much it is & does it go with the deceased soldiers decoration? "

Capt.,
for Officer i/c Base Records.

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E.G.

21st July, 1919.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 18th inst., and to state the photograph of the grave of your brother, the late No. 6939 Private R. Mactier, V.C., 23rd Battalion, has not yet been received here but these photographs are now coming to hand by every mail and when received are promptly transmitted to the soldiers' next-of-kin. Your request is being referred to A.I.F. Headquarters, London, for compliance if possible.

That portion of your letter with reference to a pension in connexion with the award of the Victoria Cross is being referred to the Military Paymaster, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, for attention and reply direct to you.

Yours faithfully,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Miss Mary Mactier,
Reitcam,
Tatura,
VICTORIA.

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The Officer-in-Charge,
BASE RECORDS.

re - No. 6939, Pte. R. MACTIER, 23rd Btn. (Dec'd.)

Appended hereunder is an extract of a letter received by me from Messrs Morrison & Sawers, Solicitors, Tatura, which is referred for favor of your attention and reply direct to writers:-

"....and the Probate Office is asking for Proof
"of the date when deceased was sworn in...."

18 JUL 1919

17/7/19.

J. G. Hoyle Major,
A/DISTRICT PAYMASTER, 3rd M. D.

THE PALM LINE
SUPER STRONG

D. T.

No. 6939,

-----Private Robert Mactier, V.C.

23rd Battalion,

Australian Imperial Force.

mxmxmx was killed in action, -----

mx in France,

1st September, 18.

Cable No. C.I.F.I.

2821, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London,

9th September, 1918, confirmed by Mail from the Commandant, A.I.F.

Headquarters, dated London, 16th September, 1918, and Army Form R.103.

11th September, 19.

Major,

O. H. M. S.

DEFERRED

To DEFENCE

MELBOURNE

I certify that this Telegram is sent on

the service of the
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ONLY

Brigadier General,
Commandant, Administrative Headquarters,
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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4454 KNIGHT Frederick 3261 LIDDELL William 627 LANE William

Albert 27 LAWLESS malalice James Richard 6769 LEE Roy Martin

6786 McPHERSON Owen Henry 5736 MORRIS Richard Murray 5732

MEAD Leslie George 4883 MCKINLEY Edward 4862 MILLS Francis

Alwan 358 McPHERSON Alexander William 2256 McDONALD Robin

18708 McDOUGALL John Alphonsus 1587 McCLUSKEY William 1113

MOUSEY Vere Alexander 4255 MCKAY Rayford Royal 4893 NEWBOUND

MORRISON & SAWERS
SOLICITORS.

D. CLIVE MORRISON, B.A., L.L.B.
JOHN SAWERS, M.A., L.L.B.

AND AT KYABRAM.

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

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Tatura 8th September 1919.

Dear Sir, Priv. R. Mactier - 23rd Battalion - No. 6939

Will you kindly forward us a Certificate of the report of death
of the above-named deceased.

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Yours faithfully,
Morrison & Sawers

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, MACTIER R

Certified that Probate, Letters-of-Administration No. 43388

Supreme Court of Victoria. Given at Melbourne

Date 13/8/1919.

Covering the Will of No 6939 Pte R. Mactier

19/23rd Battalion.

Prescribes as legatees To nephew Robert James Crawford, Gold Albert. Real and Personal Estate to trustees upon trust for benefit of brothers and sisters in equal shares.

CODICIL DATED 2/5/1917 STATES :- Military Estate & Effects to (Mother Mrs Christina Mactier.

and Executor & rix Administ

Mary Mactier (Spinster) and William Angus Mactier (Farmer) both of Tatura, Victoria.

Signature of Soldier Robert Mactier.

Will Dated 16/4/1917. No. 6939. Rank Pte. Unit 19/23rd. Btn

Checked by National Archives of Australia

Handwritten signature in red ink

Handwritten signature in black ink
NAA: B2455, MACTIER R

E. & C.

23rd July, 1919.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your communication an extract from which has been referred to this office by the Military Paymaster, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, I attach herewith a certificate pertaining to the date of enlistment of the late No. 6939 Private Robert Mactier, V.C., 23rd Battalion.

Yours faithfully,

Messrs. Morrison & Sawers,
Solicitors,
Tatura,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Reccrds.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, MACTIER R

E.G.

23rd July, 1919.

the late No. 6939 Private Robert MACTIER, V.C., 23rd
Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, was attested on 1st March, 1917.

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Messrs. Morrison & Sawers,
Solicitors,
Tatura,
VICTORIA.

In all communications regimental number,
rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred
to are to be stated.

B.R. Form No. 6.

D. T. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE.

11th September, 1919.

Dear

Sirs,

As requested in your communication of

8th September
I beg to enclose herewith certificate of report of death of the

late

No. 6939, Private R. Mactier, VC., 23rd Battalion.

Yours faithfully,

Messrs. Morrison & Sawers,
Solicitors,
TATURA. VIC.

J. J. J. J.

Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

Do not forget to advise any change of address to Officer i/c, Base Records, Melbourne.

D.1421/9.13.—0.1424.—5M.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, MACTIER R

INFORMATION AS TO LOCATION OF GRAVES

(a) Herbecourt Communal Cemetery Extension,
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles West of Peronne.
Place of Graves (b) Clery British Cemetery, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles North
West of Peronne.

Reported by :- GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS.

Regiment.	No.	Name.	Rank & Initials.	Date of Death.
28/Bn., A.I.F. (a)	4213,	RYAN, (Report Herbecourt 1. 6)	Pte. F.	29-8-18.
21/Bn., A.I.F. (b)	5021,	GLASGOW, (Report Clery sur Somme 28.1)	Cpl. W.I.	1-9-18.
21/Bn., A.I.F. (b)	6889,	SWEET, (Report Clery sur Somme 28.1)	Pte. R.	1-9-18.
23/Bn., A.I.F. (b)	4693,	FEATHERSTON, (Report Clery sur Somme 28.1)	Pte. J.	2-9-18.
23/Bn., A.I.F. (b)	6959,	MACTIER, ✓ (Report Clery sur Somme 28.1)	Pte. R.	1-9-18.
23/Bn., A.I.F. (b)	4412,	HEATH, (Report Clery sur Somme 28.1)	Pte. L.T.	1-9-18.

(ORIGINAL COPY IN SHEET OF NO. 4213, PTE. RYAN, F.)

M. P. A.

6th October, 1919.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 6939, Private R. Mactier, "V.C." 23rd Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice that he was killed in Action in France on 1st September, 1918, and was buried in Clery British Cemetery, 2½ miles North West of Peronne, France.

The utmost care and attention is being devoted to the graves of our fallen soldiers, and photographs are being taken as soon as possible for transmission to next-of-kin.

These additional details are furnished by direction, it being the policy of the Department to forward all information received in connection with the deaths of members of the Australian Imperial Force.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. R. Mactier,
TATURA P.O.,
Victoria.

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Thomas 589 FITZPATRICK Owen 552 FLETON Rupert 4530 GAULT
Henry Alexander 7245 HAWTHORNE Stuart 7002 HARMAN Thomas
William 3399 HUGHES Harold 641 HOUSE William Mason 595 HARDIE
James 643 JONES Daniel William 591A KITLEY Harold 6861
LEWIS James Henry 3184A LETCHFORD Bertie George 4853 MUSSETT
George Henry 4836 MASSEY Heywood 646 McAULAY Alexander Donald
595 NOTON George Hubert 647 NEWLANDS Clarence 2955 PATE Robert
644 POLLOCK Frank 468B PEARCE George Tyfe 3453A SPARNON
Charles Thomas 2062 SAUNDERS Henry John 688 SMITH John 650
SKENE Alexander 649 STARK Charles Brown 511 SCHEFFER William
Thomas 4606 TALBOT Henry Joseph 3235A TALBOT William Henry
611 THOMAS William Henry 609 TRELOAR Mellice Reginald
Claremont 561A THOMPSON Thomas Blair 7373 WHALAN Austin
Matthew 653 WALKER Joseph Brock Vugruable 231 BOOTH Horatio
Nelson 2586 DODD Lionel Stanley 261 FORBES John Alexander 3135
HENNESSY JOHN ALAN 4953 BAXTER Stanley ARTHUR 546 CAMERON
Don James
ADMINAUST

FROM

23/ Bn.

6939

MACTIER, R.

B. Macdonald.
6/5/20

Re- V.C.
M50/669

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.



ISSUE.

Ordnance Office,
No.

Area Office No.

DISTRICT.

Requisition and Receipt for Clothing from the Ordnance Department for Use of Senior Cadets in No. Training Area. To be delivered at

Designation of Articles.	Required to Complete.	On Hand.	Establishment.	LEDGER FOLIOS.		Remarks.	Designation of Articles.	Required to Complete.	On Hand.	Establishment.	LEDGER FOLIOS.		Remarks.
				Store.	Equipment.						Store.	Area.	
Breeches, cord, khaki ... pairs							Badges— Metal—Numeral, Fig.						
Boots, ankle, brown (Senior Cadets')							Worsted— Bugles, crossed ...						
Hats, with band and strap ...							Crowns ...						
Jackets, khaki cloth, officers', C.P. ...							Crossed rifles and crown						
Putties, khaki, 2½ yards ... pairs							Crossed rifles and star						
" " 3 yards ... "							Crossed rifles						
Shirts, khaki, woollen ...							Stars ...						
Trousers, khaki cloth, officers', C.P. pairs							Chevrons, 1 bar ...						
							" 2 bar ...						
							" 3 bar ...						
							" 4 bar ...						
Badges—Gilding metal— Bugles ...													
Crowns ...													
Crossed rifles ...													
Stars, musketry ...													

NOTE.—Erasures and Interlineations strictly prohibited.

Signature of Area Officer
requiring Supply

Received by

191

Senior Ordnance Officer.

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NOTE.—Requisitions are to be made in Duplicate, and the first or original copy must, when duly signed by the Officer receiving the articles, be returned without delay to the Senior Ordnance Officer. Size Rolls, and special measurements where necessary, showing the sizes of the Clothing required, are to accompany the requisition when sent to the Ordnance Department.

Belmont
Satara 24. 7. 20.

limited July 1920

To The War Graves Commission

Dear Sirs.

I see in last Tuesday's Argus where we could get a photo of graves. I would like one of Private Robert Mactier F.C. No. 6939. 23rd Battalion.

Please find enclosed one shilling in stamps. I think that will entitle to four copies.

And Obliet
Yours truly
Mrs S. J. Crawford.



Adams
M.S.

Address: —
Mrs S. J. Crawford.
"Belmont"
Satara
Victoria

Postage Stamp 1/- received
and Official Receipt No. B. 595434 issued

RECEIVING OFFICER.
DEFENCE (Central Administration)

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, MACTIER R

JE/KW.

29th July, 1920.

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Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 27th July enclosing remittance for four photographs of the grave of the late No. 6959, Private R. Mactier, "V.C.", 23rd Battalion, and to state your application has been referred to London for compliance.

When available the photographs will be at once forwarded.

Official receipt for your remittance is enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S. J. Crawford,
"Belmont,"
Tatura, V.

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

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Reikam
Jalura
Box 21.

Dear Sir.

I am writing again to see if the photo of the grave of the late Private Robert Mactier V.C. 23rd Battalion has come to hand. It is over 12 mths since we last heard from you & we thought we would write again to see if it is possible to get a photo of the grave. My brother was killed at Mont St Quentin 1/9/1918 so I suppose the photo has had time to come through ere this.

Hoping to hear from you again soon & that you will have a photo of the grave to send to Father & Mother

I am,

Yours faithfully
M. Mactier.

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17th December 1920.

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Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication relative to your brother, the late No. 6939 Private R. MACTIER, "V.C" 23rd Battalion, and to advise photographs of the grave of the late soldier are not yet to hand, but same will be promptly forwarded to next-of-kin on receipt at this office.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

(16)

Miss M. Mactier
Reitcam
TATUPA. V.

TELEPHONE:
CENTRAL 4741.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental number,
rank, full name and unit of Soldier referred
to, are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Melbourne,

Dear

Circular Form "A" completed by you in respect of the late is held in abeyance at this office pending a reply to an enquiry regarding your wishes in connection with the emblem of faith (e.g. the Cross which is emblematic of the Cristian Faith or the Star of David - typical of the Jewish Faith) to be incised on the headstone erected over the late soldier's grave.

This information is urgently required in order to expedite the completion of the Grave, and as it is desired to carry out this work with the least possible delay the favor of an early reply is earnestly requested.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LEAN Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

DEFENCE
448/6/1007

C O P Y

TATURA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

TATURA June 4th 1919

Mr.A.C. Palmer, M.H.R.
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

Could you obtain from the Defence Department a copy of the Gazette notice, setting out the particulars of exploit, which won for the late Private David Mactier, of Tatura, the V.C. We want same to attach to a photo being hung in the Mechanics Institute.

.....

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) H.S. DAVY

Secretary.

TO THE CHIEF OF THE PUBLIC EXAMINATION BOARD
FROM PUBLIC SERVICE
Application for MEMBERSHIP of Certificate of Exemption
AUSTRALIA
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

War Service Regulations 1916.

Application for *VARIATION WITHDRAWAL of Certificate of Exemption from Military Service.

TO THE CLERK OF THE LOCAL EXEMPTION COURT

AT

I, (a)

of (b)

in the State of (c)

..... being the holder and the person to whom a

Conditional *Temporary Certificate of Exemption was granted on the Partial day of

191 hereby apply for a variation of such Certificate, in consequence of the discontinuance of the conditions under which same was issued, viz. (here set out grounds):—

.....
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Dated the day of 191

Applicant.

Military Sub-District,

State of

NOTE.—This application must be furnished in duplicate.

- (a) Name in full.
(b) Full postal address.
(c) Occupation.

* Strike out if inapplicable.

C O P Y

DEFENCE
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House of Representatives

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
M. 143/391
BASE RECORDS

EUROA

June 6th 1919

The Secretary for Defence
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

I forward for favourable attention the enclosed letter from the Secretary of the Tatura Progress Association, which contains two distinct requests.

Separate
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For my own information I would like to be informed upon what principle War Trophies are to be distributed, an application for same now being registered.

Yours truly,

(sgd) A.C. Palmer

C. A. Records

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

War Service Regulations 1916.

Application for *VARIATION WITHDRAWAL of Certificate of Exemption from Military Service.

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in the State of ^(c)

..... being the holder and the person to whom a Conditional *Temporary Certificate of Exemption was granted on the Partial

day of 191..... hereby apply for a *variation withdrawal of such Certificate, in consequence of the discontinuance of the conditions under which same was issued, viz. (here set out grounds):—

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Dated the day of 191.....

Applicant.

Military Sub-District,

State of

NOTE.—This application must be furnished in duplicate.

- (a) Name in full.
(b) Full postal address.
(c) Occupation.

* Strike out if inapplicable.

14th June,

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Dear Sir,

Your communication dated 6th instant on behalf of Mr. H. S. Davy, Secretary, Tatura Progress Association, Tatura, has been forwarded to this office by the Secretary for Defence, and in reply I have to state the soldier to whom you refer is apparently the late No. 6939 Private Robert Mactier, V.C., 23rd Battalion, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for -

"....most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the morning of the 1st September, 1918, during the attack on the village of Mt. St. Quentin. Prior to the advance of the battalion, it was necessary to clear up several enemy strong points close to our line. This the bombing patrols sent forward failed to effect, and the battalion was unable to move. Private Mactier, single-handed, and in daylight, thereupon jumped out of the trench, rushed past the block, closed with and killed the machine-gun garrison of eight men with his revolver and bombs, and threw the enemy machine gun over the parapet. Then, rushing forward about 20 yards, he jumped into another strong point held by a garrison of six men, who immediately surrendered. Continuing to the next block through the trench, he disposed of an enemy machine gun which had been enfilading our flank advancing troops, and was then killed by another machine gun at close range. It was entirely due to this exceptional valour and determination of Private Mactier that the Battalion was able to move on to its "jumping-off" trench and carry out the successful operation of capturing the village of Mt. St. Quentin a few hours later."

There is no trace of a later Private David Mactier,
V.C.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

A. C. Palmer Esq., M.H.P.,
House of Representatives,
MELBOURNE.

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Reiteam
Latura
20.9.18

Dear Sir.

In a letter from the Red Cross Bureau I am told if I write to you about a photo of my late brothers grave you may be able to help me. We got word to say our brother was killed in action in France 1/9/18. Would you please try & get a photograph of the grave for Mother.

6939.

Private Robert Mactier

B Boy.

23rd Batt.

This is my late brothers add.

Hoping to hear from you

Yours faithfully

Miss, Mary Mactier

28 SEP 1918
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Dear Sir
P. 333

W. Morgan
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S/S

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26/9

Pro Smith
27/9

W. Morgan
26/9

WILL.

No. 6939 RANK Private

NAMES (Surname) MACTIER

(Christian) Robert

UNIT 19/93rd Coy RFL.

My Will is attached hereto. lodged with

WILL TO D.P.M. 10/11/19

Robert Mactier

(Signature of Soldier.)

(Verified) Robert Mactier 2/21. C.O. 19/23/19

C.4441.

HB.

21st January, 1919. PH

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Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 13th instant, and to state the only information yet available regarding the regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 6939 Private R. Mactier, 23rd Battalion, is that contained in the brief cable message- "Killed in action, 1-9-18".

It is anticipated however, that official confirmatory documents, which should be to hand in a few weeks' time, will contain further particulars, and on receipt of same, you will be promptly advised.

Yours faithfully,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. R. Mactier,
Reitcam Farm,
Tatura, VIC.

567/4

DEFENCE.
5074 1124

Beitcam Farm, Salisbury
13 Jan 1919

I write to try and find some information re our dear Boy Robert Mactier No 6939. We got a urgent telegram through Rev Mr H Wise, official reported killed in action 1.9.18, and have not got any other notice althow it is over four months and we are very anxiously waiting to hear official from the Defence Department. We have seen a lot in the papers of this soldiers doings, but got no direct information.
your truly Robert Mactier, Father

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FORMAL ACK.
SENT JAN 17 1919

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Registered 15/1/19
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Handwritten signature

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Putcam
Tatura
Jan 22nd 1919

I wish to apply for the
Badge for mothers of fallen
Soldiers

My son the late 6939 pte R
Mactier T. B. fell in France
on the 1st September 1918.

I asked at
our local post office for a form
to fill in but they said they had
not got any forms yet.

If this application
will not do please send me a form
to fill in.

I am

yours truly
Christina Mactier

address (Mrs) R Mactier

Putcam
Tatura



M. Morgan
2/1

EAG

25th January 1919.

Dear Madam,

8-600

EAG

In reply to your letter of 22nd inst., concerning your son, the late No. 6939 Pte. R. Mactier, 23rd Batn., I enclose herewith form of application for a badge to be issued to the nearest female relative of a soldier who has left Australia for active service. This should be filled in and forwarded to the Military Commandant, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. R. Mactier,
Reitcam,

TATURA. V.

Officer, i/c Base Records.
Major.

LE/AA

11th October, 1918

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Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter of 20th ultimo, regarding your brother, the late No. 6939 Private R. Mactier, 23rd Battalion, I have to state advice has been received from the Overseas Authorities to the effect that arrangements have been made to photograph all graves of Australian Soldiers.

This is being done automatically as soon as a grave is located, and the photographs (in duplicate) are forwarded to this Office for transmission to the Next-of-Kin.

Yours faithfully,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Miss M. Mactier,
Reitcam
Tatura,
Victoria.

MORRISON & SAWERS,
SOLICITORS.

D. CLIVE MORRISON B.A., L.L.B.
JOHN SAWERS, M.A., L.L.B.

AND AT KYABRAM.

The Officer in Charge

Base Records

Military District

M E L B O U R N E.

Dear Sir,

Private Robert Mactier

Will you kindly let us have a Certificate of Death of the
above mentioned Soldier who was recently killed in France.



Wm Morgan 1/10

Yours faithfully,

Morrison Sawers

FORMAL ACKM.

SENT 9/10/18

Tatura, 30th. Sept. 1918.

M in Lonsdale 28/9/18

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, MACTIER R

3080 W.H.

W I L L

In the event of my death I give the whole of my Military Estate and effects to Mother Mrs Christina I. Mactier Tatura Post Office Vic for her use absolutely.

Robert Mactier

DATE 2nd May 1917

Witness W.R. Finlayson Sgt

Witness A.W. Rose Cpl

Certified to be a true copy of the Will of No. 6939 Pte. R. Mactier, 19/23rd Battalion, lodged with the Officer in Charge Base Records upon embarkation for active service abroad.

A. G. ...

Corporal

Checked by *W. Moss*

W. B. ... N. O.

RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, one Victory Medal in connexion with the late

No. 5939 Private R. MACTIER, V.C., 23rd Battalion.

Signature

Robert Mactier

Date

9 May 1923

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, within seven (7) days.

P. 3040/4.22.—C.5128.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, MACTIER R

Ext. from folder of photo of grave

6939 Pte R. Mactier "VC" 23/Btn

Buried Hem Farm Mil. Cem.

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NAA: B2455, MACTIER R

Next of kin

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Complexion

Height

Colour of eyes

Colour of hair

Distinctive marks

J. M. LEAN, Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records
NAA: B2455, MACTIER R

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In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred to are to be stated.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE.
VICTORIA BARRACKS.
MELBOURNE. 29th November, 1918.

Dear

Sir, requested in your communication of 30th September last I beg to enclose herewith certificate of report of death of the late

No. 6939, Private R. Mactier, 23rd Battalion.

Yours faithfully,

J. McLean Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

Messrs Morrison & Sowers,
Solidtors,
TATURA,
VICTORIA.

Don't fail to send change of your address to Base Records, Melbourne,

D.13887/8 18 - C.13424 - 50H.

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RECEIPT SLIP FOR MEMORIAL SCROLL.

MH Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of Defence, one Memorial Scroll and King's Message, in connexion with the late No. 6939 Pte. R. MACTIER "V.C." 23rd Battalion.



(Signature) Robert Mactier

(Date) January 1923

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, within seven (7) days.

D.10770/12.21.-C.10697.

This has been NAA: B2455, MACTIER R

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RECEIPT SLIP.

RECEIVED from the Officer in Charge Base Records, Department of
Defence, three copies of photograph of the grave of the late No. 5939

Pts. ~~3381~~ *3381* V.C. *23/Btn.*

and Official Receipt No. *3225* issued

(Signature) *Robert Yachter*

W. J. Stamer

(Date) *9/13/21*

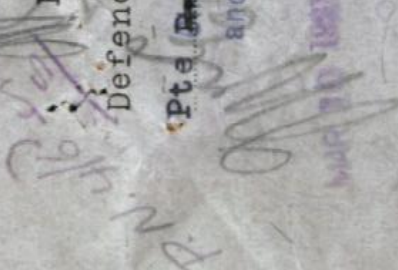
This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria,
within seven (7) days.

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NAA: B2455, ~~MA 2455~~

for London
dated March 1921
10/19/21



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RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Head-quarters,
one Memorial Plaque in connexion with the late

No. 6939 Pte. R. Mactier, VC.,
23rd Battalion.



Signature

Robert Mactier

Date

12 Dec 1922

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria,
within seven (7) days.

D. 3033/9.22.—C.13580.—5M.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 6939 ✓ Rank Pte. ✓ Name MACTIER. R. VC. ✓ Unit 23rd Batta

LIST 436

Casualty Killed in action 11/9/18 GIBL 2871/2333 dated London 9/18 Received B.R. 11/9/18 C.E.S.



H.M.S.

DATE.	A.F. B. 103 Received	PURPORT.	BURIAL REPORT RECEIVED
12 DEC 18	M.O. ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION 11/9/18		
26.9.18	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS		
18.10.18	"Will" to D.P.M. 3 M.D.		
16.5.19	CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF		
20.6.19	Cable No. B. 2821 made 14/363 D-16/9/18		
29.8	Yelpira Gas. to N.O.H. per H.C. via G. G. B. P. M. No. 41/656		
	King's Autograph letter to mil. Sect. to H.C. The G.S. B.R.M. 14/655		
	Referred to London Re Photo of Grave July 1919		
	"Will" extract from Probak in Dec		
	"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."		
	Paraphrase sent to W.R. Mactier on 3.6.21		
	Circular B.R.M. 46/1886 & Booklet re Graves despatched 5.1.20		
1.3.21	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN, B.R.W.K.		58/1157 R
24/5/21	BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 3rd M.D.E.R.M. 53/5313		
11/10/21	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN, B.R.M. 10		March Lady 11/10/21
8.11.21	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN, B.R.M. 10		48/94 April 1921

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MEMORIAL
SCROLL
To ^{20.12.22}
Father
Mr R Mactier
351035
15.12.22

PLAQUE
To
Father Direct
Mr R Mactier
351035
1.12.22
D. [Signature]

8 MAY 1923

VICTORY MEDAL to Father G. R. P. F. 496
Registered Post No. 1153 G. P. O. Melbourne