



Pte. Malcolm George Douglas Murray



25th October 1918



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club - 1906

Bachelor of Arts, Trinity College, Cambridge

Background

Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.

On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.

The following documentation relates to the life of Malcolm George Douglas Murray. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

The AIF Project



Malcolm George Douglas MURRAY

Regimental number	3647
Place of birth	Adelaide, South Australia
School	St Peter's School, Adelaide, South Australia, and Trinity College, Cambridge, England
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farmer
Address	Eastwood, South Australia
Marital status	Married
Age at embarkation	30
Next of kin	Wife, Mrs M L Murray, 'Hatherton', Park Terrace, Eastwood, South Australia
Previous military service	Served as Lieut in King Edward's Horse.
Enlistment date	3 October 1917
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	9th Light Horse Regiment, 33rd Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	10/14/5
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board <i>SS Port Darwin</i> on 30 April 1918
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	9th Light Horse Regiment
Other details from Roll of Honour Circular	Whilst at Cambridge he surprised Oxford by taking down C B Fry's record for the long jump and put the inter-university figures up to 22ft 1/2in.
Fate	Died of disease 25 October 1918
Place of death or wounding	Damascus, Syria
Age at death	31
Place of burial	Damascus British War Cemetery (Row D, Grave No. 41), Syria
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	7
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: Malcolm and Rebecca MURRAY; husband of Margaret Louise MURRAY, 5 Warrington Crescent, Maida Vale, London. Native of Adelaide, South Australia

Service Record

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A. H. Harris LIEUT
QUARTER MASTER

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 36147 Name { Surname MURRAY
in full { Christian Name MALCOLM GEORGE DOUGLAS
Unit 33/9 LH
Joined on OCT 3 - 1917

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any question set forth in this Attestation Paper, you will be liable to be tried for the offence.

- What is your Name? Malcolm George Douglas Murray
- In or near what Town were you born? Adelaide
In the State or Country of SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalised British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Natural Born
- What is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated) 31 9/12 years
Aug 4th 1887
- What is your Trade or Calling? Farmer Grazier
- Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? Married & children
- Are you married, single, or widower? Married & children
- Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) WIFE MURRAY MARGARET
HOUSE "HATHERTON" PARKSIDE
PARKSIDE LASTWOOD
"HATHERTON" PARKSIDE PARKSIDE
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- What is your permanent address in Australia? 6 Park Terrace, Eastwood, Adelaide S.A.
- 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 3 years Territorial Force Longford
(vide HQ 2nd - 54490 - P.D. 1.22)
- Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? War Invalidity & Unfit
- (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 ten shillings per day? Yes
- Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? Yes

I, Malcolm George Douglas Murray 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 & children.

Date OCT 3 - 1917

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.

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RSL Virtual War Memorial

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/56707>

MURRAY, Malcolm George Douglas

Service Number: 3647

Enlisted: 3 October 1917, Adelaide, South Australia

Last Rank: Trooper

Last Unit: 9th Light Horse Regiment

Born: Adelaide, South Australia , 4 January 1887

Home Town: Magill, Campbelltown, South Australia

Schooling: St Peter's College, Adelaide and Trinity College, Cambridge

Occupation: Farmer/Grazier

Died: Died of Illness (dysentery), Syria, 25 October 1918, aged 31 years

Cemetery: Damascus Commonwealth War Cemetery

Memorials: Adelaide National War Memorial (WW1), Australian War Memorial, Roll of Honour

World War 1 Service

3 Oct 1917: Enlisted AIF WW1, Private, SN 3647, Adelaide, South Australia

30 Apr 1918: Embarked AIF WW1, Private, SN 3647, 9th Light Horse Regiment, SS Port Darwin, Sydney

30 Apr 1918: Involvement AIF WW1, Private, SN 3647, 9th Light Horse Regiment, Enlistment/Embarkation WW1

25 Oct 1918: Involvement AIF WW1, Trooper, SN 3647, 9th Light Horse Regiment

Biography

From the book *Fallen Saints* - (by Robert Kearney)

Malcolm George Douglas Murray of Eastwood, South Australia was born in Adelaide in 1887.

He was educated at the Collegiate School of St. Peter, Adelaide and later at Trinity College, Cambridge England.

Whilst at Cambridge he surprised Oxford by taking down C B Fry's record for the long jump and put the inter-university figures up to 22ft 0½ inch. While in England he served three years as a Lieutenant in the British Territorial Army (King Edwards Horse) [i]

Prior to enlisting in the AIF on 3 October 1917, he was a grazier and with his wife and two children lived and worked on his farm at Magill on the edge of the Adelaide hills.

Immediately after enlistment, he was posted to B Company at Mitcham Camp and towards the end of October joined the 33rd quota of reinforcements for the 9th Light Horse Regiment. He was made an acting corporal on 16 February 1918 and at the end of April Corporal Murray, 33rd reinforcements, sailed from Sydney aboard HMAT Port Darwin. After disembarkation at Suez on 7 June, he reverted to his substantive rank that day but was promoted to corporal two days later and allotted to General reinforcements on 19 June.

He reverted to Trooper on 9 August and joined the ranks of the 9th Light Horse Regiment on 18 August 1918 but on 8 October was admitted to the French Hospital at Damascus suffering from the effects of acute dysentery and died there on 25 October 1918; he was 31 years of age.

Malcolm's uncle, the Honourable Sir George John Robert Murray, KCMG, BA, LL.M., who had also attended the Collegiate School of St Peter as a boy, served South Australia as the Chief Justice, Chancellor of Adelaide University and Lieutenant Governor.

[i] Australian War Memorial, Roll of Honour data base - Murray, Malcolm George Douglas – Roll of Honour circular, viewed 21 January 2006.



Biography

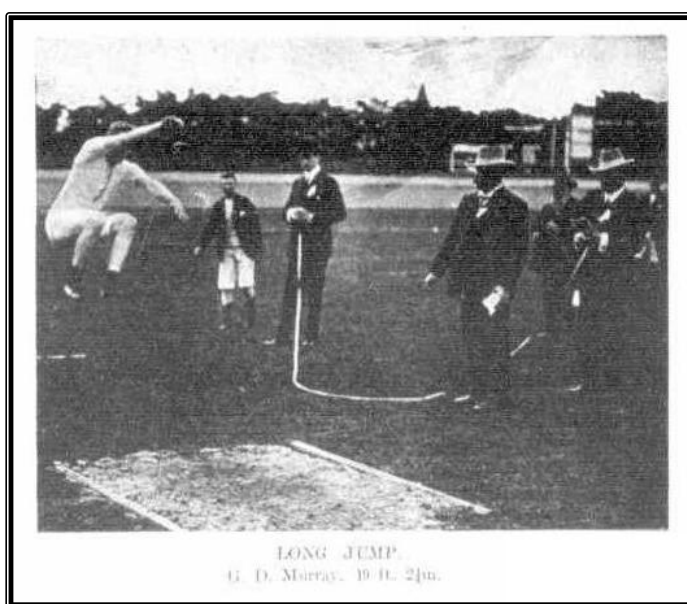
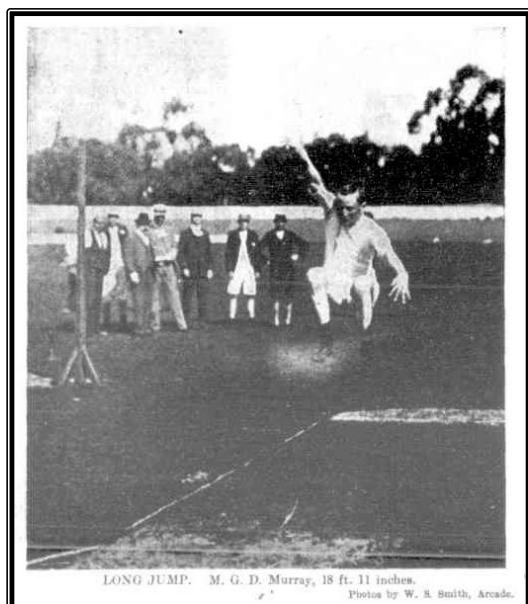
Early Life

Malcolm George Douglas Murray was born on the 4th January 1887, the son of Pulteney Malcolm Borthwick Murray and Rebecca Brown (SA Birth Registration 388/166). He was known by his third forename, Douglas.

Schooling

Douglas attended St Peter's College from 1897 to 1905. In 1901 he won the College Chemistry Prize and in 1905 he passed the Senior Public Examinations.

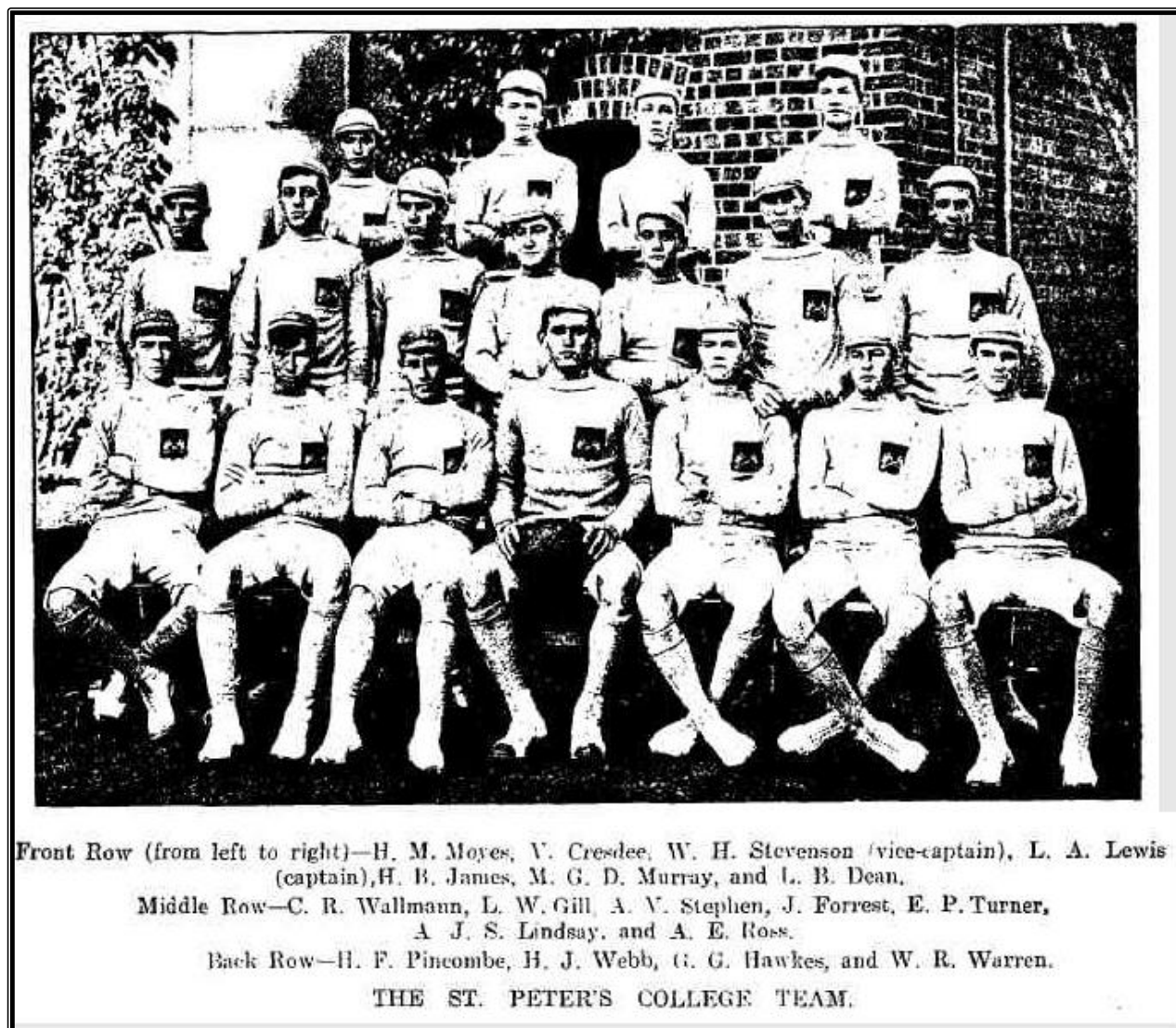
He competed in the College Sports from 1899 and in the Intercollegiate Sports from 1900. At the 1903 College sports he set a new Broad (Long) Jump record of 18' 11". He broke his own record in 1904 jumping 19' 2½" and again in 1905 jumping 19' 10¼". In 1905 Douglas was second in the St Peter's College Cup and had the honour of captaining the Inter-Collegiate side. Douglas won the Long Jump at the 1904 and 1905 Inter-Collegiate contests, creating a new record in 1905 by jumping 20' 1" and winning by over 2½ feet. His Inter-Collegiate record was not broken until 1912.



The sensation of the afternoon was provided by M. G. D. Murray, captain of the St. Peter's team, who in the senior long jump made one leap which put his fellow-competitors hopelessly out of the trial. Last year Murray won the same event by covering 19 ft. 6 in., and defeated A. G. Trott (P.A.), who in 1903, had established a record by clearing a further 2½ in. Again at the St. Peter's sports on Saturday week Murray won the long jump by springing over the remarkable space of 19 ft. 10½ in. The climax, however, was reached on Saturday. A space of about 5 square feet facing the pavilions had been dug and a bed of sand laid down as a soft spot for competitors to land on. This area it was thought would be sufficiently large for anything but an extraordinarily good or bad jump. Murray took a long and rapid run, leaped high, and landed on the further edge of the sandbed. The storm of cheers was renewed when it was announced that the distance covered had been 20 ft. 1 in. Murray was not required to jump again. The second man covered 2 ft. 7½ in. less. Wallack (S.P.) created enthusiasm

In 1904 Douglas competed in the Inter-Collegiate Gymnastics competition winning the Jumping (6' 0") and Tiger Leaping Events and in 1905 he was equal first in the Tiger Leaping (7' 3").

Douglas also played Intercollegiate Football in 1903-05.



1904 Intercollegiate Football - M.G.D. Murray Front Row – Second from Right

Adelaide University

Douglas commenced studying toward a Bachelor of Science degree at Adelaide University in 1906 but in July 1907 he departed for England to commence a BA at Trinity College, Cambridge.

Sport

Athletics

In the South Australian Amateur Athletics competition in April 1906 Douglas came second in the Broad Jump and in September 1906 he went one better, winning the contest. He represented the University in the 1906 Inter Varsity Athletics competition.

Football

In 1906 Douglas played for Adelaide University in the Adelaide and Suburban competition.

Cricket

Also a cricketer, Douglas was not able to play for the University as team did not enter official competition in the SACA until 1908/09. However, in the 1906/07 season he represented Havelock in one of the suburban grades. He scored 108 runs in 8 innings with a high score of 39 not out and an average of 14.6, he took 9 wickets in 31.2 overs at an average of 12.6.

1906 – Adelaide University Inter Varsity Athletics Team



Back: W.B.Angwin, G.C.Campbell, C.Yeatman.

Front: M.G.D.Murray, E.B.Jones, C.L.Jessop, C.R.Doudy, M.H.Moyes.

Held in Melbourne, won by Sydney, Adelaide second.

Cambridge University

In later July 1907, Douglas left for the UK to commence studying at Trinity College, Cambridge and by April 1908 he had been selected to represent the Cambridge in the 120 yards hurdles at the Inter Varsity Athletics competition. Douglas represented Australia at the Olympic Games in London but was beaten in the heats of the 400 yards hurdles.

OLYMPIAN GAMES.

Australian Successes.

LONDON, July 21.

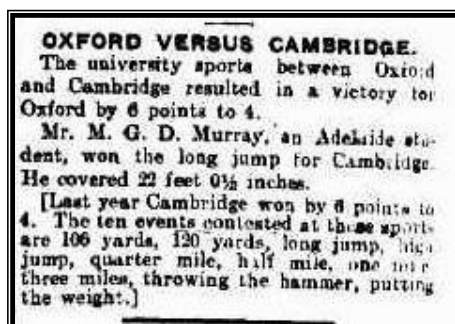
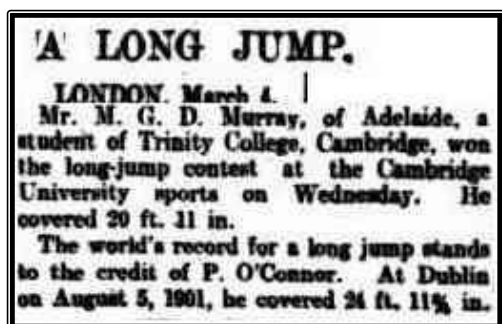
Frank Beaurepaire, the Melbourne swimmer, finished fourth in the semi-final of the 100 metres (109 1-3 yards) swimming championship, but was not placed in the final. C. M. Daniels (England), the holder of the 100 yards amateur championship record (55 2-5s.), won the final in 65 3-5s., beating Zoltan de Halmay by a yard. Beaurepaire won his heat for the 1,500 metres event, but F. W. Springfield, the Brisbane competitor, was beaten in the preliminary contest by Pattersby.

The athletic events contested yesterday included the 400 metres (437 1-2 yards) hurdles. In this event M. G. D. Murray, of South Australia (now at Trinity College, Cambridge) was beaten in his heat by Bacon, an American competitor, who covered the distance in 57s., which constitutes a record for the Olympic international games.

G. Towns, the Australian sculler, has arrived in England, and was given a welcome on Tuesday by many representative rowing men, including Barry.

In 1909 Douglas represented Trinity College at the Cambridge University Sports and Cambridge University in the Intervarsity Sports. He won the long jump at both events, jumping 20' 11" for Trinity and 22' ½" for Cambridge. He also won the 100 yards flat and 120 yards hurdles for Trinity.

The following year, Douglas won the Inter-Varsity Long Jump with a leap of 21' 5½" however in 1911, Douglas did not reproduce his best form and came second in the event.



1909



1910

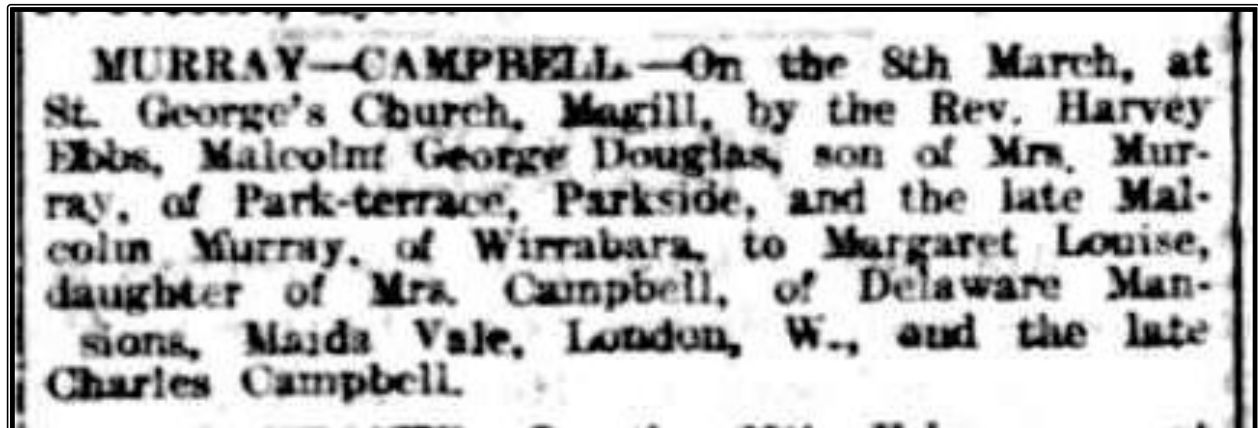
While At Trinity College, Cambridge Douglas spent three years in King Edward's Light Horse (composed of four squadrons of colonial volunteers resident in the UK). He rose to the rank of Lieutenant.



M.G.D. Murray's St Peters and Trinity College Medals

Farming

In 1912 Douglas returned to Australia and acquired Pinnacle Estate, near Grenfell in the central west of NSW. He married Margaret Louise Campbell on the 8th March 1913 at Magill. The couple spent part of their honeymoon at the Australia Hotel in Sydney.



Douglas continued farming after WWI broke out and stated in February 1915 that he “would go to the front now but for his wife.” From March 1915 Douglas and Margaret (“Madge”) spent a couple of month in Adelaide. While in Adelaide their daughter Mary (Molly) Campbell Murray was born. Back in NSW, Douglas, of the firm, Murray and Warren, who were large wheat growers on their Pinnacle Estate, motored over to Woodlands to get first hand evidence of the Governments attempts to grow wheat in that area

In July 1916 Douglas was sworn in as a Justice of the Peace in NSW In November 1916 the Government proclaimed a number of holdings which it is intended to acquire under the Closer Settlement Act. This proclamation included Pinnacle Estate. However the couple were still, of Pinnacle Station, when on the 9th February 1917, at Darlinghurst, their son (Alexander (Alec) George Campbell Murray) was born.

The book, ‘Fallen Saints’, states that Douglas then farmed at Magill, SA. Madge’s address on Douglas’ enlistment was Park Terrace, Parkside (now Greenhill Rd).

World War I

On the 3rd of October 1917 Douglas enlisted at the Mitcham Camp as a Private in the 9th Light Horse (SN 3647). He was 30 years and 9 months old, 5’ 8” tall, with a medium complexion, hazel eyes and brown hair (going bald).

He embarked from Sydney on the S.S. ‘Port Darwin’ on the 30th April 1918. He disembarked at the Suez on 7th June 1918. He served briefly with the G.S. Rifles and was an Acting Corporal.

Douglas became ill with dysentery and was sent to the French Hospital in Damascus, Syria where he died of disease on 25th October 1918. He was buried at the Damascus Protestant Cemetery. His is described in the obituaries below as a Corporal perhaps due to his period of acting in that role.

Trooper Malcolm George Douglas Murray's name is located at panel 7 in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial. He was survived by his wife and two children.

The Late Corporal Murray

A FORBES SOLDIER'S CAREER.

The Adelaide "Register" of last month has the following to say concerning the death of Corporal M. G. D. Murray, formerly of Pinnacle station, Forbes:—

Cpl. M. G. D. Murray, who died in a French military hospital in Damascus at the end of October, while on active service, was an old scholar of St. Peter's College, where his fame as an athlete was widely known. He was the elder son of the late Mr. Malcolm Murray, formerly of Wirrabara, and of Mrs. Murray, of Park Terrace, Eastwood, and was 31 years of age. As a collegian he distinguished himself in sport for several years, particularly over hurdles, and won many medals. His greatest feat was accomplished in 1905, when he was captain of his school in the inter-collegiate sports. He created a surprise at the time by jumping 20ft. 11in. at the first attempt in the long jump contest with A. G. Trott (P.A.C.), thus beating the previous record of 19ft. 8in. Upon leaving St. Peter's College, he proceeded to England and entered Trinity College, Cambridge—the Alma Mater of his uncle, the Chief Justice (Sir George

Murray)—where he subsequently studied for the arts degree. There again he proved his prowess as a sportsman, and carried off many prizes. In 1909 he broke the inter-university (Oxford and Cambridge) record in a long jump of 22ft. 1in. After having spent four years at the famous English seat of learning, he returned to Adelaide in 1912, and subsequently acquired Pinnacles Station, at Grenfell, New South Wales. In October, 1917, he sold out and joined the 9th Light Horse reinforcements at Mitcham as a trooper. He had previously held a commission as a lieutenant in an English regiment (King Edward's Horse), to which he belonged from 1907 to 1911, but was of opinion that as an Australian he would prefer to be attached to Australian troops, and acted accordingly. He left for Palestine in April last, and his death, on the eve of victory, will be mourned by a large circle of friends, among whom he was highly esteemed. He has left a widow and two young children (a son and daughter). A younger brother (Bmdr. J. T. Murray) is at present in France.

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Roll of Honor.

REFERRING to the death of Mr. Douglas Murray (late of Pinnacle) the "Bulletin" says: "A fine athlete was wasted when Douglas Murray died in Damascus, at 31. He was one of the A. B. Murray squatting clan of South Australia, and a nephew of the Chief Justice. For St. Peter's school in 1905 he put up the intercollegiate long-jump record of 20ft. 11½ in.; and then, going on to Cambridge, he surprised Oxford by taking down C. B. Fry's record, and put inter-university figures up to 22ft. 0½ in. In England he was a lieutenant in King Edward's Light Horse. When this war broke out he sold his station at Pinnacle, got back to Adelaide, and enlisted there, feeling that his proper place was with the Australian forces." Writing to Mrs. W. Yeomans, Mrs. Murray said " . . . I had just got a letter from him saying how well he was; he had just come out of action and everything seemed to be going splendidly . . . and a few days afterward I got the cable. I don't know any particulars yet, except that he died in a French Hospital at Damascus."

To his many Grenfell friends the news came as a great shock, and much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Murray, who, we understand, will shortly leave for England.

Legacy

Madge took Molly and Alec to England from June 1923 to December 1924. In April 1936 Mary Campbell Murray and Alexander George Campbell Murray each inherited the income on £5,000 from the estate of their great Aunt, Miss Margaret Tinline Murray (the sister of Chief Justice, Sir George Murray).

The family lived at Avenel Gardens, Medindie and frequently spent summers at Henley Beach. Madge and Molly spent much of 1939 in the UK and travelling on the continent. Alec attended St Peter's College and later became a renowned photographer. He moved to Sydney then to London. In 1949 he was appointed London photographer for the American publication 'Theatre Arts' and in 1952 he travelled to Kenya to photograph Clarke Gabel and Ava Gardner.

Madge later took an apartment at Greenways, North Adelaide. Molly was 'Miss Molly Murray, of Kensington Close, London' in March 1954 and had booked a passage to return to Australia in October.

Margaret Louise Murray died on the 28th June 1971 and was cremated at Centennial Park, SA.



SPSC Old Collegians Match v PAC in 1931

(left to right) Douglas' son Alec, Mrs Jack Murray, Jack Murray, Douglas' Widow Madge.*

*John Tinline Murray, Douglas' younger brother was East Torrens, State and International Cricketer.

JOHN MURRAY

Full name:

John Tinline Murray

Born:

1st December 1892, Norwood, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

Died:

19th September 1974, Stirling, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

Batting:

Right-hand batsman

Bowling:

Right-arm medium pace

Occasional wicket-keeper

Teams:

[South Australia](#) (Main FC: 1911/12-1925/26); [Australian Imperial Forces](#) (Other FC: 1919-1919/20); [Australian XI](#) (Other FC: 1924/25); [All teams](#)

St Peter's College, Adelaide Captain:

1909/10 - 1910/11

Lists of [matches](#) and [more detailed statistics](#)

First-Class Career Batting and Fielding (1911/12-1925/26)

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct
Overall	48	79	5	1964	152	26.54	4	6	38

First-Class Career Bowling (1911/12-1925/26)

	Balls	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave	5wl	10wM	SRate	Econ
Overall	1106	7	695	12	2-63	57.91	0	0	92.16	3.77

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PORTRAIT: Miss Mary (Molly) Campbell Murray
 (d. 1990, daughter of Malcolm George Douglas Murray and Margaret Louise Campbell)
 Photographer: Alec G. C Murray (her brother)

Profile Compiled by: Beth Filmer (AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee)

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