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AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 505 Name WOFT. Percy John Gilbert
 Unit 13th Battalion
 Joined on 22 October 1914

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Percy John Gilbert, WOFT
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...
 In the Parish of Bundaberg in or
 near the Town of Bundaberg
 in the County of Cook & Glad
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Natural Born
4. What is your age? ... 20 years
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Civil Servant. (Glad)
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married? ... No yes.
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...
Father:— J. Gilbert
Walla St
Bundaberg
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 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? ... 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 ...
5 years School Cadet
2 years 4th Infantry Battalion
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 and widowers with children)—
 Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? ...

Percy John Gilbert, WOFT. 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 22nd Oct. 1914

J.P. Gilbert
 Signature of person enlisted.

D. 577/2.14. — C. 10220. * This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

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 *Oct. 22nd 1914*

G. J. Kelleher Capt.
Signature of Attesting Officer.

A.O.H.A.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3, *Percy John Gilbert Loft* swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from *22nd Oct 1914* 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.

P. J. Loft
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Bundaberg* in the State of *Queensland* this *twenty second* day of *October* 1914, before me—

G. J. Kelleher Capt.
Signature of Attesting Officer.

A.O.H.A.

*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 Percy John Gilbert Loft on Enlistment.

Age 20 years — months
Height 5 feet 6 inches
Weight 128 lbs.
Chest Measurement 33/35 inches
Complexion Fair
Eyes Blue
Hair Brown
Religious Denomination C of G.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

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 22nd October 1914

Place Bundaberg

S. H. Pearson

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 15th BATTALION, 4th. INFANTRY BRIGADE, AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Date 29th October 1914

Place Broggara

Robert Howard Major

Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding 15th. Battalion,
4th. Infantry Brigade, A.I.F.

Embarked at On 1915

Inhb. Embkd 22/12/14 ✓

Statement of Service of No. 505 Name Taft P. J. G.

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From	To	
	Proc. to join M.E.F. Gallie ✓	12.4.15 ✓		
	Adm N. 17 A.G.H. G.S.W. arm. slight. 19/5/15 - Adm Gly. Nos. ✓			
	Alex 23/6/15 - Disc. to duty at ✓			
	Base 23/7/15 Embd per Cawdor. ✓			
	Castle fort D'nelles 29/7/15 ✓			Part 2-1129 16/9/15
	Prom. Cpl. 9/8/15 Vice ✓			
	1741 Cpl A.J. Davidge Missing			Part 2-2398 29/9/15
	Prom Sgt. vice 447 Sgt. Hewitt ✓			Part 2-5304 17/11/15
	F.b. wd. to date from 7/10/15			Part 2-5039 8/11/15
	REJOINED UNIT FROM 2/8/15 ✓			Pf. 2. 68/8423-30816
	from: 2/lieut France. 19.8.16 ✓			82/9668. 18.10.16
	Awarded Billy Medal. 4.10.16 ✓			
	Discharged.....M.D.			

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

PART I.

200 8-8/18-12244.

(1) PRESENT UNIT	15th Bn.	(2) Regtl. No.	
(3) Present Rank	Capt.	(4) SURNAME	TOFT
(5) Decorations	MC in M	(6) Christian Names.	John Percy Gilbert

McIntosh
M.D.!
R24462

Particulars.

(7) Date of Enlistment	22.10.14.	(8) Place of Enlistment	
(9) Age on Enlistment	20 Years	(10) Any subsequent claim as to age after verification of Birth Certificate	Years / Months
(11) Birthplace	Cook, Q'sland.	(12) Religion	epsc.
(14) Trade or Calling		(13) If Married	NO. Yes (meno 25/3/19)
(16) Date of Embarkation from Australia	22.12.14	(15) If an Apprentice	
(18)		(17) Whereabouts of Next of Kin, i.e. Australia or Abroad	Abroad WBSR.
(19)		(21) Special Notification Card No.	
(20)			
(22)			

Nothing to be written in this Margin.

Regtl. No.

SURNAME

CHRISTIAN NAMES

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regimental No. 505. cap'n G. H. G. G. G. 25 bel 14 20 Dec 1914
 Enlisted (a) 25 bel 14 20 Dec 1914
 Date of promotion to present rank }
 Date of promotion to lance rank }
 Terms of Service (a) Duration of service }
 Rank 2nd Lt }
 Name John Gilbert }
 Regiment No 3 Company 5th Battalion A.S.F. }
 Corps M.M.C. }
 Service reckons from (a) 20 Dec 1914 }
 Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. }

Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____
 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 Pro authority to be quoted in each case.
 1. 30/6/15 Admitted to No 17 AG Hospital 4th Army Slight
 2. 30/6/15 Admitted to 4th Army Slight
 3. 12/6/15 Admitted to 4th Army Slight
 4. 30/6/15 Admitted to 4th Army Slight
 5. 30/6/15 Admitted to 4th Army Slight
 6. 30/6/15 Admitted to 4th Army Slight
 7. 30/6/15 Admitted to 4th Army Slight
 8. 30/6/15 Admitted to 4th Army Slight

Date	Report from whom received	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 Pro authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B, 213, Army Form A, 36, or other official documents.
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20 SEP 1915

(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) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. P.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	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
9	17.10.15	018			
10		John			0.18.10 - 5304 B213 D3199
11	1/5/16	C/O. Tpt. "Tr. Inv. Inv. Unit"	Alexandria	1/6/16	AF/8502
12	20/10/16	Ag. Staff	Alexandria	6/5/16	LR/5755
13	4.10.16	at Angac R. 2nd Harvest	Zante	19.8.16	AK/1961 B213 of 20/8/16 AK/2019
	29.11.16	AFORO List 117	Zante		AK/2019 82 AK/2016 9688
14	27.1.17	B213 B213	Zante		AK/612125
15	21.4.17	A.J. S. O'Connell 21.4.17	Impress	18.4.17	Dept AK/121015 B213 of 20/8/16 D3199
	5.5.17	B213 C.O. 15. B.	do		D. 8/16
16	7.7.17	do	do		D/28
18	19.1.17	L90	Awarded Military Cross		
	15.10.17	do	Recorded to Whittington	3.8.17	Do H/1992 D/351
19	19.10.17	A.M.S. 216	do	15.10.17	0057/2016 AK/1713/97

Army Form B. 103.

Sheet No 2.

Regimental Number.....

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps..... 15th Battalion A.I.F.

Rank *Capt*.....

Surname *Toft*.....

Christian Name.....

John Gilbert

Religion.....

Age on Enlistment.....

years.....

months.....

Enlisted (a).....

Terms of Service (a).....

Service reckons from (a).....

Date of promotion to present rank.....

Date of appointment to lance rank.....

Extended {.....

Re-engaged {.....

Qualification (b).....

or Corps Trade and Rate.....

Signature of Officer.....

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 24, 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				
28-8-17	A. I. P. 223	Embarked ... Disembarked... Supplement to London Gazette dated 25-8-17 Awarded Military Cross			
		For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great dash and enterprise in capturing and consolidating an enemy advanced post which was causing casualties to our front line troops. He had no opportunity of previously reconnoitring the ground and the success of the operation was entirely due to his coolness and determination.			
	A. I. F. Genl. 246.			15.10.17	Do S.I.E.
					15.11.17

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(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-Smith, &c.

[M] O/L W 6113/M768 100bm 9/16 153 G & S

Form B. 103/4. E. 1354.

[P.T.O.]

Report		Date	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during service, as approved by Army Form B. 214, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 214, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received						
21	AIF List. No 90			Capt. from 11th Div is posted to 12th Div Bn 7.11.17 on being gazetted out in AIF. Orders 1071. & to General's Secured whatever so employed			DD 12E 11.2.18
22	Emb. Off. only	5.2.18		PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE via Hampton		14.2.18	CR. 4039/2/3 NO. 13 E 14.2.18
23	Rings	5.2.18		From Eng. Infan. Havre		6.2.18	AK 2252/27
24	C. O. B. 2/3	5.2.18		Capt. Reid from Sec Field		12.2.18	1009/990 198/59
25	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		W. Holt to Unit Home		7.2.18	1008/2383
26	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Called to be awarded			
27	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		transferred to 1st Div. Field			
28	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
29	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
30	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
31	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
32	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
33	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
34	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
35	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
36	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
37	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
38	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
39	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
40	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
41	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
42	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
43	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
44	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
45	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
46	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
47	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
48	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
49	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13
50	A. S. B. Dept	5.2.18		Capt. Attached for duty do		5/8/18	AK 2773/13

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company. By his skilful arrangements an enemy raid in considerable strength and under cover of intense bombardment was beaten off with heavy casualties. During the night he drove the enemy from the front where they were established. Later, he fought the enemy throughout the greater part of a day with bombs and rifle grenades, and prevented them from establishing machine guns. Throughout he showed untiring energy, and by his courageous and cool behaviour set a splendid example to his men.
(M.C. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

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Regimental Number.....

Army Form B. 103. *Sheet 3*

Casualty Form Active Service.

"McMM"

Regiment for Corps. *15th Battalion*

Christian Name *Percy John Gilbert*

Rank *Captain* Surname *Joseph*

Age on Enlistment..... years..... months

Service reckons from (a).....

Terms of Service (a).....

Date of appointment to lance rank.....

Date of promotion to present rank.....

Qualification (b).....

or Corps Trade and Rate.....

Signature of Officer.....

Occupation.....

Re-engaged.....

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.

Embarked... Disembarked...

Place of Casualty

Date of Casualty

Remarks
Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents

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Report
From whom received

Date

4th Army

Inf. School

1918

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19.1.19

15.6.19

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15.6.19

15.6.19

Capt. Leave to England

Capt. Prom. leave to UK

Secured 4. Army School France

Capt. Capt from Seconded

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Capt leave to UK

to Army 13.1.19

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Army 4.6.19

Returned to Australia

per Australia

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(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. (17361.) W.L.W. 1887-P.1134, 1,000,000, 6.18, D & S, Form B.103, (E. 1256.)

(b) Signaller, Shooting-Smith, &c

Report		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
Date	From whom received				
	13th 43rd Capt. M/B for return to Army 6/4/19				

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Army Form B, 252.
(Vide King's Regulations.)

A. I. 44 C

*3rd Battalion
Helipos*

CHARGE.

BATTERY, SQUADRON, TROOP OR COMPANY.

CHARGE against No. *505*

Place.	Date of offence.	Offence.	Names of witnesses	Punishment awarded	By whom awarded.
<i>Cairo</i>	<i>20-7-15</i>	<i>Drunk</i>	<i>2 Lieut Jackson - Provost 1 Lieut Rees</i>	<i>14 days confinement</i>	

Service years
 Number of good conduct badges
 Date of last entry in company conduct book
 Character
 Date of last entry for an act of drunkenness
 Number of cases of drunkenness within the last 12 months

Charles Adams
 Commanding Battery
 Squadron, Troop or Company.

Statement of Evidence

Grand No 505

The B. & G. Loft

15th District
Cairo 20. 2. 1915

Sir I was on request duty in the Esheikh district on the 20th Feb about 6.45 p.m. when I saw the above named soldier, He was Absent. I escorted him to the main Guard detention room Bab-el-Hadid and handed him over to the D.C.O. in charge of the Guard ^{19. M. 1. 1915}

Sir I corroborate the above statement

Cairo 20. 2. 1915

F. B. Rice

Sir I was Commander of the main Guard. Bab-el-Hadid about 4 o'clock on the 20th Feb. when the above named soldier was handed over to me by the Piquet, He was Absent

Bab-el-Hadid

Sergt M. Chapman
Commanding Guard

CRIME.



C.M.F. Form 10.

Military Forces of the Commonwealth.

CHARGE against No. 505 *Mr. P. Hoff* Squadron, Battery, or Company.
C. Coy. 15th Batt. Regiment or Corps.

Place.	Date of Offence.	Offence.	Names of Witnesses.	Punishment Awarded.	By whom Awarded.
<i>Barracks</i>		<i>Absent from camp without leave from 12 pm / 15/12/14 to 5.30 pm 16/12/14</i>	<i>Capt. J. H. ...</i>	<i>7/6</i>	<i>18/1/14</i>

Length of Service, years.

Number of Good-conduct Badges.....

Date of last entry in Defaulter's Book.....

General Character.....

Date of last entry for an act of, or an equivalent of an act of, drunkenness.....

Number of cases of drunkenness within the last twelve months.....

" " " since enlistment.....

Award entered in Defaulter Sheet.....

L. J. ...
Commanding Squadron, Battery, or Company.

(Initials of person making entry.)

Present

HONORS AND AWARDS

PAGE OF GAZETTE

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REG'TL No.

305

RANK

Sgt. 1st class

SURNAMER

S. J. O. P. T.

OTHER NAMES

*where Peter, John, Gilbert
15th B. Co.*

UNIT

NEXT-OF-KIN

Father, J. P. H.

(state if mother, father etc.)

ADDRESS

Walla St.

Gunsberg

Y. H.

AJB:UM.

24th June, 1948.

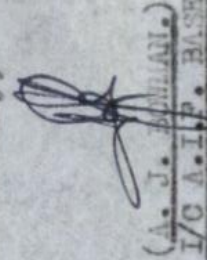
Dear Sir,

Receipt is acknowledged of your Statutory Declarations and remittance in respect of the replacement of Decorations and Medals, and I return herewith our official receipt for £2.15.10.

Duplicate 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal are being forwarded under separate cover.

Duplicate decorations will be forwarded when received from London.

Yours faithfully,



(A. J. GILLIAN.)

OFFICER I/C A.I.P. BASE RECORDS.

Major J.P.C. TOFT,
Birkar St.,
Chermside, N.4.,
BRISBANE. Q'LD.

AJB:MM.

12th August, 1948.

Dear Sir,

On 24th June, 1948, duplicate War Medals were forwarded to you in response to your request dated 5th June, 1948, but up to date no acknowledgment of their receipt has been received.

Please advise whether the Medals were received and return form of receipt which was forwarded with the Medals.

Duplicate Decorations have not yet been received from London.

Yours faithfully,



(A. J. BOWMAN.)

OFFICER I/C A.I.F. BASE RECORDS.

Major J.P.C. TOFT,
Binkar St.,
Chermside, N.4.,
BRISBANE. Q'LD.

AJB:UM.

24th June, 1948.

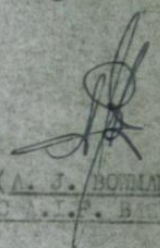
Officer in Charge,
2nd Echelon,
"A" Block,
Albert Park Barracks,
ALBERT PARK. VIC.

Forwarding herewith for favour of necessary action, please, Statutory Declaration lodged by Captain John Percy Gilbert TOFT, 16th Battalion, A.I.F. 1914-18 for replacement of Military Cross and Bar, and Military Medal, declared to have been lost.

2. Applicant undertakes to reimburse the Department in the event of the original estimate (£20.0.0.) being exceeded - vide signed statement attached.

3. The sum of two pounds being estimated cost of replacement in Australian Currency, has been received from applicant and credited to Collector's Receipts Account, Base Records, Canberra, and acknowledged under Receipt No. F 377329 of 24. 6.48.

4. The awards of the Military Cross and Bar, and Military Medal in favour of the abovesaid applicant, are covered by proper authority.


(A. J. BOWMAN.)
OFFICER I/C A.I.F. BASE RECORDS.

Receipt No. 92.

Received from the Officer-in-Charge, A.I.F. Base Records, Department of the Army, in connection with the service of:-

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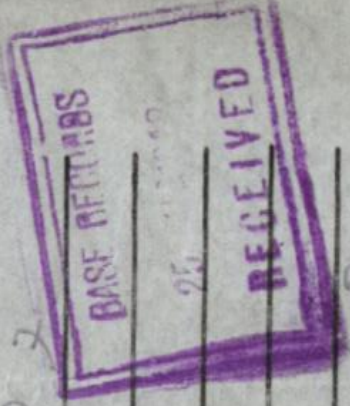
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Date of Despatch 35/6/48

Signature J. P. J. J. J. J. J.

Benker St. Chennard & Date 18/8/48.

This receipt must be returned to the Officer-in-Charge, A.I.F. Base Records, CANBERRA, A.C.T., within 7 days.



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18/8/48.

Bunker St.
Chymerside N4. Q.
Brisbane. Q.

The Officer in Charge
Base Records
Australian Imperial Force

Dear Sir, In reply to your letter of the
12th instant. I regret to say that I
overlooked forwarding you an
acknowledgement of the receipt of
the ~~war~~ medals sent to me.

Thanking you for the favour

Yours faithfully

J. J. Hoffmann
Mason



22/11/1948.

Bunker &
Cherryvale N4
Brisbane Qld.

The Officer-in-Charge
A.I.F. Base Records
Canberra F.C.T.



Dear Sir

Further in reference to my
application for a re-issue of my decorations
and War Service Medals presented to
you by Senator W.J. Cooper is there a
hitch in the supply of the decorations?
As you know I received the
Gallipoli Star and War Medals.
The decorations, Military Cross & Bar
and Military Medal have not yet
arrived.

I would esteem it a great privilege
if I could have them before West-England
Day when I hope to march in Brisbane
with the 15th Battalion A.I.F. Their
Majesties the King and Queen will
take the Salute.
Thanking you.

Yours faithfully
L. B. Meyer

AJB:UH.

29th November, 1948.

Dear Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your further letter dated 22nd November, 1948, relative to the replacement of your lost decorations, and in reply regret to advise that duplicate decorations have not yet been received from London, however, when received they will be transmitted to you without delay.

It is anticipated the decorations will reach here early in the new year.

Yours faithfully,

(A. J. BOWMAN.)
OFFICER I/C A.I.F. BASE RECUELS.

Major J.P.G. TOFT,
Binker St.,
Chermside, N.4.,
BRISBANE. Q'LT.

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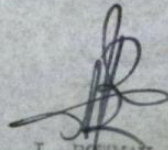
29th November, 1948.

Officer in Charge,
Central Army Records Office,
"A" Block, No. 1 Area,
Albert Park Barracks,
MELBOURNE. VIC.

CAPTAIN J.P.G. TOFT, "M.C. and BAR" "M.M." 1914 - 18.

The abovenamed completed the necessary documents and paid the required remittance for the replacement of the abovementioned decorations, reported to be lost. The documents were transmitted to you under cover of my memorandum dated 24th June, 1948.

Captain TOFT has asked that action be taken to ensure the early delivery of the duplicate decorations, and it will be appreciated if appropriate action can be taken.



(A. J. BOWMAN.)
OFFICER I/C A.I.F. BASE RECORDS.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE,
BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

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

AJB:UM.

CANBERRA, A.C.T. 29th November, 1948.

Officer in Charge,
Central Army Records Office,
"A" Block, No. 1 Area,
Albert Park Barracks,
MELBOURNE. VIC.

CAPTAIN J.P.G. TOFT, "M.C. and BAR" "M.M." 1914 - 18.

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(A. J. BOWMAN.)
OFFICER I/C A.I.F. BASE RECORDS.

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Dunker Street
Chermside N4
Brisbane

The Officer I/C A.S.F. Base Records
Base Records Office
Canberra F.C.T.



Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 29th November last, are you able to give me any idea as to when duplicate decorations applied for by me, may come to hand.

You thought - they would be available early in the New Year.

I would be glad if the matter can be finalised at an early date, and would be glad if you could do your best to hasten matters.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully
J.P. [Signature]

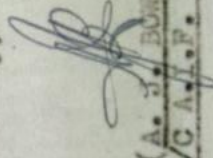
5th May, 1949.

AJB:UH.

Dear Sir :

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your further letter dated 27th April, 1949, and in reply to advise, that in reply to enquiries directed to War Office, London, concerning the replacement of your decorations, advice has now been received that the Military Cross and Military Medal may be expected shortly.

Yours faithfully,


(A. J. BOWMAN.)
OFFICER I/C A. I. F. BASE RECORDS.

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Major J. P. G. TOFT,
Burker St.,
Chermside,
BRISBANE, N.4.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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(ADJUTANT-GENERAL)

C.A.R.O.,
ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS

Albert Park ~~XXXXXX~~ BARRACKS

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Reply.....



Melbourne, S.C. 3.

25 JUL 1949

O.i/c,
Base Records,
CANBERRA A.C.T.

REPLACEMENT OF DECORATIONS - CAPT. J. P. S. TOFT.

- 1. Enclosed herewith is replacement Military Cross and Bar, and Military Medal received from War Office London for the abovenamed Officer.
- 2. Would you please acknowledge receipt on duplicate copy of this memo.
- 3. As the War Office also desires to hold a receipt for the Military Cross and Bar, and the Military Medal from Captain Toft, it would be appreciated if you would obtain one from him and forward it to this office for transmission thereto.

L. G. Gursansky Colonel.
O.i/c Central Army Records Office.
25 Jul '49.

(1) Recreation
"Received & acknowledged"
(2) Army File 81/1/1248 in return for merit.

Officer in Charge ATF Base Records
CANBERRA A.C.T.
27 JUL 1949

AJB/RMM.

27th July 1949.

Dear Sir,

Replacement of Decoration.

With further reference to your application for the replacement of your lost "Military Cross" and "Bar" and "Military Medal" I have now to advise these have been received from War Office, London and are being forwarded to you under separate cover.

Will you please sign the form of receipt enclosed with the decorations and return it to this office for onward transmission.

Yours faithfully,



(A. J. BOWMAN.)

OFFICER I/C A.I.F. BASE RECORDS.

Major J.P.C. Toft,
Binkar Street,
Chermside,
BRISBANE, Q'LAND.

AJB/RGA.

17th August 1949.

Officer in Charge,
C.A.R.O.,
Albert Park Barracks,
MELBOURNE. C.I.

Major J.P.C. Toft, Military Cross and Bar,
Military Medal. - Replacement of Decorations.
Your Memo 03567 of 25.7.49 and Army File
81/1/1243 Reference.

Forwarded herewith is Base Records receipt No. 124, received from the abovenamed in acknowledgement of the duplicate Military Cross and Bar and Military Medal forwarded to him on 28th July 1949, for onward transmission to War Office.

(A. J. BOWMAN.)
OFFICER I/C A.I.F. BASE RECORDS.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES C.A.R.O.,

(ADJUTANT-GENERAL) Albert Park Barracks,

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Officer in Charge,
A.I.F. Base Records,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

CAPTAIN J. P. G. TOFT.
REPLACEMENT OF MILITARY CROSS AND BAR AND MILITARY MEDAL.
ADDITIONAL COST OF 2/8d required.

Attached herewith is a memorandum received from the Chief Finance Officer regarding the additional payment of two shillings and eight pence (2/8) by Capt Toft towards the replacement of the abovementioned decorations.

Could action please be taken by your office to recover the outstanding amount?

Yours faithfully,

L. P. G. Toft
Colonel,
OIC Central Army Records Office.

C O P Y

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Subject: Capt. J.P.G. TOFT - REPLACEMENT OF MILITARY CROSS
& BAR & MILITARY MEDAL.

Ref No F4/140

A.G. (C.A.R.O.)

An amount of £2. 0. 0 was lodged by the abovementioned officer for the purpose of duplicate decorations which he declared had been lost.

2. Advice has now been received from the High Commissioner's Office, London that the total cost of these medals is £2. 2. 8 and not £2. 0. 0 as assessed originally.

3. As Capt. Toft has signed a declaration to the effect that he will make good any additional expense incurred by the Commonwealth in this regard, would you please take action to recover the extra 2/8d owing by him.

(Signed for)
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER.
23/November/1949.



AJB:RAM.

2nd December 1949.


Dear Sir,

Captain J.P.G. Toft. Military Cross Bar & Military Medal.
15th Battalion. Replacement of Military Cross Bar &
Military Medal.

With reference to the replacement of the above decoration purchased on your behalf from War Office London, I have to advise, information has been received from War Office that the cost of the decorations is £2.2.6.

The amount of £2. has already been paid by you, but it would be appreciated if the balance of 2/8 could be forwarded for transmission to War Office London.

Yours faithfully,


(A. J. BOWMAN.)

OFFICER I/C A.I.F. BASE RECORDS.

J.P.G. Toft Esq.,
Binkar Street,
Chermside,
BRISBANE. Q'LAND.

AJB:RMM.

27th February 1950.

Dear Sir,

Replacement of Decoration.

On 23th July 1949 we forwarded to you duplicate Military Cross and Bar and Military Medal, and enclosed with them a form for completion and return. Up to date the receipt has not been received by this office.

In my letter of 2nd December 1949 you were advised the cost of replacing the decoration was £2. 2. 8, and you were requested to forward the remittance for the balance of 2/8.

Would you please give these matters your early attention so that the transaction may be finalized with War Office.

Yours faithfully,

(A. J. BOWMAN.)

OFFICER I/C A. I. F. BASE RECORDS.

J.P.C. Toft Esq.,
Binker Street,
Chermside,
BRISBANE. Q'LAND.

Zinkar Sr.,
Chermside
Brisbane N4

The Officer MC. A.I.F. Base Records,
Base Records Office,
Canberra. F.C.T.

Dear Sir,

Your recent letter to hand and I regret that I omitted to send you the 2/8 required to pay for the decoration replacements forwarded to me.

I received your previous advice but let the matter go completely out of my mind.

Thanking you again for your service.

Yours faithfully,
J.P. 1st Major.

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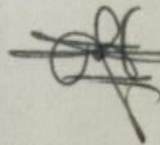
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16th March 1950.

Dear Sir,

Receipt of your letter undated and remittance is acknowledged, and I return herewith our official receipt for 2/8.

Yours faithfully,



A.J. BOWMAN,
Officer I/c A.I.F. Base Records.

J.P.G. Toft Esq,
Binkar Street
CHERMESIDE,
BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND.

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10/4/1967

23 Jinkar St.
Chermside
Brisbane Queensland

The Officer-in-Charge
Central Army Records Office
A Block
Albert Park Barracks
Melbourne Victoria

Dear Sir

Re Medallion badge for Gallipoli

I am entitled to receive the medallion badge for Gallipoli.

Name - John Percy Gilbert - 1066

No - 505

Unit - 15th Battalion 1st A.I.F.

Private address - 23 JINKAR ST. CHERMSIDE BRISBANE (QUEENSLAND)

Particulars - Was at landing of Gallipoli, 25th April 1915 with 15th Bn, as a private. Company Commander, Captain Quinn. Platoon Commander Lieutenant Collier.

Wounded 9th May at Quinn's Post. Evacuated to Lemnos, Is. and to Alexandria Egypt. Returned to Gallipoli 1st August 1915. Was made Corporal and Sergeant at Anzac Bay, at the evacuation of Gallipoli in December, 1915.

Yours faithfully
J.P.G. Gilbert

12th June 1944.

Dunbar St.
Chermside N 4.

The Officer i/c
Australian Imperial Force
Base Records Office
Canberra A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

As instructed in your letter of the 24th May 1948 relative to the loss and replacement of my decorations and service medals as informed upon by Senator W. J. Cooper I have to advise that I am enclosing the necessary completed forms (2) of Statutory Declaration also Form of Undertaking and together with a remittance of £2/5/10 to cover the estimated cost-tested.

I regret the trouble caused you and thank you for your prompt action in dealing with my application.

Yours faithfully
J. P. Cooper



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TELEPHONE



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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE,

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

AJB:UM.

CANBERRA, A.C.T. 24th May, 1948.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your representation, forwarded through Senator Cooper, in relation to the replacement of Decorations and Medals awarded in respect of your service with the Australian Imperial Force, 1914 - 18, and in reply, you are advised, before any action can be taken to effect the replacements, it will be necessary for you to fully complete the enclosed forms (2), of Statutory Declaration also Form of Undertaking, and return them to this office with a remittance to cover the cost of the articles required.

2. The replacement of service medals, i.e. 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal may be made immediately, but the decorations "Military Cross and Bar" and "Military Medal" must be obtained from London, therefore it will be approximately two months before they are received.

3. The cost of duplicate medals and decorations are as follows:

Military Cross and Bar	£1. 5.-	<i>approval</i>
Military Medal	15.-	"
1914/15 Star	3.-	
British War Medal	9.10	
Victory Medal	3.-	
	<u>£2.15.10</u>	

4. On receipt of completed forms and necessary remittance, new medals will be inscribed and forwarded to you under registered cover, and an order placed with War Office, London, on your behalf for duplicate decorations, which, when received, will be transmitted to you under registered cover.

Yours faithfully,

(A. J. BOWMAN.)

OFFICER I/C A.I.F. BASE RECORDS.

Major J.P.C. TOFT,
Binkar Street,
Chermside,
BRISBANE. Q'LD.

AJB:UM.

24th May, 1948.

FORM OF UNDERTAKING.

I,

of

do hereby undertake to reimburse the Department of the Army to the extent of any amount in excess of two pounds expended on the purchase of duplicate Military Cross and Bar, and Military Medal, on my behalf, from War Office, London; it being understood that the cost of replacement is contingent on the current rate of exchange, and is estimated not to exceed £2.0.0.

Signed

Regimental No.....

Rank

Unit

Date

Witness

Date

MINUTE PAPER

T/3/1776

SUBJECT: MAJOR J.P.G. TOFT - REPLACEMENT WAR MEDALS ETC.

Officer-in-Charge,
AIF Base Records,
CANBERRA A.C.T.

- ... 1. The attached copy of letter received from Senator W.J. Cooper, M.B.E., on behalf of Major J.P.G. Toft, ex - No 505, 15th Bn, 1st A.I.F. concerning the loss of his military decorations and service medals, is referred by direction for attention and advice direct to Major Toft.
2. Senator Cooper has been advised of action taken to bring his representations to your notice, and that you will communicate direct with Major Toft regarding the correct procedure to be followed in obtaining duplicate items and the approximate cost thereof.

10 May 48.

W. J. Cooper
for
Colonel,
AG Co-ordination.



Parliament House,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

3rd May, 1948

My dear Minister,

An old friend of mine, who was a comrade in arms with me during the 1914-18 War, serving in the 15th Battalion, A.I.F., Original No. 505, - now Major J.P.C. Toft, residing at Binkar Street, Chermside, Brisbane, has written to me regarding the loss by fire of his distinction and service medals. Toft was a remarkably good soldier, serving from 25th October 1914 to 10th August 1919; he was at the Gallipoli landing, serving through to the evacuation, and was in action in the major engagements in France; he was awarded the Military Cross and Bar, and also the Military Medal.

He has not enjoyed good health for some years past, owing to disabilities attributable to war service. In his letter to me he states that the whole of his medals - the Military cross and Bar, Military Medal, Gallipoli Star, General Service Medal and Victoria Medal have been destroyed by fire. The citations of his awards, he informs me, he still has intact and he asked me if it is possible for him to receive duplicates of his decorations and service medals. If it is possible for duplicates to be issued I shall be very glad if you will inform me what steps it would be necessary for Toft to take to make application for such duplicates.

I have a very high regard for Major Toft and know what a terrible blow this is to him - to have had these decorations which he holds so dear destroyed by fire, and I would like to assist him in every way I possibly can.

With kind regards,

Yours



The Hon. C. Chambers, M.P.,
Minister for the Army,
Parliament House, CANBERRA.

(Walter J. Cooper)

RANKIN,

WINDSMITH,
PLUMBER,
IRONMONGER.

GAS and WATER FITTER, Etc.

Windmills Supplied and Erected.

BOURBON STREET,

Bundaberg, *Oct-22nd* 1914
Queensland.

I herewith consent to my son
John Percy Gilbert Toft, to go on active
service.

John Toft

AJB:UM.

24th May, 1948.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your representation, forwarded through Senator Cooper, in relation to the replacement of Decorations and Medals awarded in respect of your service with the Australian Imperial Force, 1914 - 18, and in reply, you are advised, before any action can be taken to effect the replacements, it will be necessary for you to fully complete the enclosed forms (2), of Statutory Declaration also Form of Undertaking, and return them to this office with a remittance to cover the cost of the articles required.

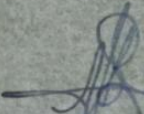
2. The replacement of service medals, i.e. 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal may be made immediately, but the decorations "Military Cross and Bar" and "Military Medal" must be obtained from London, therefore it will be approximately two months before they are received.

3. The cost of duplicate medals and decorations are as follows:

Military Cross and Bar	£1. 5.-	<i>up/ing</i>
Military Medal	15.-	"
1914/15 Star	5.-	
British War Medal	9.10	
Victory Medal	3.-	
	<u>£2.15.10</u>	

4. On receipt of completed forms and necessary remittance, new medals will be inscribed and forwarded to you under registered cover, and an order placed with War Office, London, on your behalf for duplicate decorations, which, when received, will be transmitted to you under registered cover.

Yours faithfully,


(A. J. SCOVANN.)

OFFICER I/C A.I.F. BASE RECORDS.

Major J.P.C. TCFT,
Binkar Street,
Chermside,
BRISBANE. Q'LD.

Copy
Commonwealth of Australia

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, John Percy Gilbert TOFT
(Name in Full)
of Binker Street, Chermside, N.4.
(Address in Full)

do solemnly and sincerely declare :—

1. THAT I served in the Australian Military Forces, and my particulars were as follows :—

Regimental No. 505 Rank Captain Unit 15th Battalion, A.I.F.
Army

2. THAT I have lost the Military Cross and Bar, and Military Medal.
issued to me by the Department of Defence
The Army

3. THAT the circumstances under which the said loss occurred are as under :—
My Military Cross and Bar, Military Medal, Gallipoli Star 1914-15 Service,
General Service Medal and Victory Medal were totally destroyed by fire when
burning records and papers no longer required.

4. THAT to the best of my knowledge and belief the said decorations and medals

is/are not in the hands of any other person on my behalf or with my consent.

AND I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1911-1922, conscientiously believing the statement contained therein to be true in every particular.

Signature of person) J.P.C. TOFT.
making declaration)

DECLARED AT Chermside the Fifth

day of June 19 48. before me :— W.G. EARLY J.P.

Receipt No.
F377329, dated 24/6/48

Signature of J.P. or
Commissioner for Declarations)

NOTE :—Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration is guilty of an indictable offence, and is liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for four years.

HERE INSERT :—

- 1. Place and date of Birth Bunderburg Q. 11/11/1894
 - 2. Name and address and John TOFT and) Parents
relationship of next-
of-kin on enlistment (Lenora Kate TOFT) Walla St., Bundeburg Q.
- Required for
Military
identification
purposes only.

N.B.—This Form should be completed in all respects, otherwise unavoidable delay may arise in dealing with applicant's request.

Commonwealth of Australia

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, John Percy Gilbert Topf
(Name in Full)
of Bunker Street - Chermside N 4
(Address in Full)

do solemnly and sincerely declare:—

1. THAT I served in the Australian Military Forces, and my particulars were as follows:—

Regimental No. 505 Rank Captain Unit 15th Battalion A.I.F.
Army

2. THAT I have lost the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal, and Victory Medal,
issued to me by the Department of Defence
The Army

3. THAT the circumstances under which the said loss occurred are as under:—

My Military Cross and Distinguished Military Medal (Gallipoli Star) 1914-1915 Service General Service Medal and Victory Medal were totally destroyed by fire when burning records and papers no longer required.

4. THAT to the best of my knowledge and belief the said decorations and medals

is/are not in the hands of any other person on my behalf or with my consent.

AND I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1911-1922, conscientiously believing the statement contained therein to be true in every particular.

Signature of person making declaration)

J.P.G. Topf - Chermside N 4
June

DECLARED AT

day of

Signature of J.P. or Commissioner for Declarations }

BASE RECORDS
before me :—
22 JUN 1948
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ACKNOWLEDGED
24 JUN 1948
J.A. Garff

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HERE INSERT:—

- 1. Place and date of Birth Bundeberg Q. 11/11/1894
- 2. Name and address and relationship of next-of-kin on enlistment John Topf and Parents
Henry Kate Topf
Walla St. Bundeberg Q.

Required for Military identification purposes only.

N.B.—This Form should be completed in all respects, otherwise unavoidable delay may arise in dealing with applicant's request.

Base Records Office,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. S.C.I.

17/7 /1935.

The Deputy Commissioner,
Repatriation Commission,

Brisbane

REFERENCE : *R 24462*

DATE *12 / 7 / 1935.*

Herewith documents indicated relative to the
service of the undermentioned ex-member of the A.I.F. :-

Reg.No.	Name & Unit	Documents attached
	<i>Capt. Capt. J. P. G. (Mk. Mc. Bai) 15th Bn</i>	FOR EARLY RETURN :- A.F. B.103 ✓

Born 11-11-1894.

Bundaberg Q

*C Service
District Lands Office
Bairns*

TO BE RETAINED :-

B.R. Card ✓

Attestation Paper ✓

A.F. :- B.103

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A & D Cards 3

T. ROBINSON *TR*
Officer i/c Base Records.

1. Captain John Percy Gilbert TOFT, M.C., M.M., 15th Battalion.
 2. 1894 - Bundaberg, Qld.
 3. Bundaberg, Qld.
 4. Bundaberg, Qld.
 5. Civil Servant.
 6. 22.10.14 Enlisted as Private.
9. 8.15 Promoted Corporal.
7.10.15 " Sergeant.
19. 8.16 " 2/Lieutenant.
18. 4.17 " Lieutenant.
15.10.17 " Captain.
 7. 22.12.14 Embarked with 15th Bn.
 8. AWARDED MILITARY CROSS (L.G. 30251).
" BAR TO THE MILITARY CROSS. (L.G.30901).
" MILITARY MEDAL (L.G.29827).
 9. 11. 8.19 Appointment terminated at Brisbane.
 10. J.P.G.Toft, Esq., M.C.,M.M.,
District Land Office,
Cairns, Qld.
 14. Served 5 years in Senior Cadets, 2 years 4th Infantry Battalion, C.M.F.
Wounded in action, Gallipoli.
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Army Form.
W 3121.
Number:

4th Aus. Inf. Bde.	4th Aus. Divn.	1st A.N.Z. Army Corps.	27.8.16.	Date of Recommendation.	Honour or Reward
15th Btn. A.I.F.	505 Sgt. Percy John Gilbert TOFT.	This N.C.O. performed excellent work on nights of 8/9th and 9/10th August during operations N.W. of POZIERES. He was always cool and courageous, and showed a fine example to his men. He consistently displayed splendid qualities throughout and handled his men with much ability, and was of great assistance to his Coy. Commander.	Action for which commended	Recommended by G.O.C. 4th Aus. Inf. Bde.	M.M.
2361 L/Cpl. Charles Telfer EMERSON.	During operations N.W. of POZIERES from 5th to 11th August, and particularly during the nights of 8th and 9th August, he displayed the utmost skill and courage in scouting close to the German lines, and bringing back valuable information.			do.	M.M.

2 M.M.'s Awarded 28.8.16.

(Sgd) W.R.B. Lt. Gen'l. Cmmsg. 1 A.&N.Z. Army Corps.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A.I.F.
25th April, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Fifth Supplement No. 29827 to the London Gazette of 16th November, 1916, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, 2nd Lieutenant P. J. G. Toft, 15th Battalion.

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AWARDED THE MILITARY MEDAL

" HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to award the Military Medal for bravery in the Field to the undermentioned non-commissioned officer :-

No. 505, Sergeant (now 2nd Lieutenant) PERCY JOHN GILBERT TOFT "

X X X X

The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 62 of 19th April, 1917.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records

Mr J. Toft
Walla Street
Bundaberg
QUEENSLAND

F.W.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A.I.F.,
14th. February, 1919.

80911

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Third Supplement, No. 30901 to the London Gazette, dated 16th September, 1918, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, Captain P.J.C. Toft, M.C., M.M., 15th Battalion.

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AWARDED A BAR TO THE MILITARY CROSS .

" HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the above award to the undermentioned officer, in recognition of his gallantry and devotion to duty in the field : -

Captain JOHN PERCY GILBERT TOFT ,
M.C., M.M.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company. By his skilful arrangements an enemy raid in considerable strength and under cover of intense bombardment was beaten off with heavy casualties. During the night he drove the enemy from the front where they were established. Later, he fought the enemy throughout the greater part of the day with bombs and rifle grenades, and prevented them from establishing machine guns. Throughout he showed untiring energy, and by his courageous and cool behaviour set a splendid example to his men . "

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 15, dated 4th February, 1919.

Yours faithfully,

J. Toft, Esq.,
Walla Street,
Bundaberg,
QUEENSLAND.

Captain,
for Officer i/c Base Records.

PB/AIS

BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A. I. P.
12th January, 1918.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Third Supplement No. 30251 to the London Gazette dated 24th August, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, Lieutenant P. J. G. Toft, 15th Battalion.

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AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS

" HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross on the undermentioned officer, in recognition of his gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field :-

Lieutenant JOHN PERCY GILBERT TOFT.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great dash and enterprise in capturing and consolidating an enemy advanced post which was causing casualties to our front line troops. He had no opportunity of previously reconnoitring the ground, and the success of the operation was entirely due to his coolness and determination. "

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 219 of 20th December, 1917.

Yours faithfully,

Major,

J. Toft, Esq.,

Walla Street,
Bundaberg, Q'ld.

Officer i/c Base Records.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

RECORD OF OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Rank and Name *2nd Lieut. **Tost** J. P. G.*

Staff or Unit *15th Battalion*

Date of Appointment and Gazette *14th August 1916 - C.A.G. 4/1917* M.O. 12/1917

Promotion (date and Gazette) _____

Left Australia in Transport *Avro "Ceramic"* on *22nd Dec 1916* 1914

Record subsequent to embarkation:—

To be Lieutenant Dated 18/4/17 C.A.G. 166/2560 M.O. 0.447/752.

Awarded Military Cross vide Gen. Order 3251 of 25/5/17. C.A.G. 219/17 M.O. 588/17

To be Capt 15th Oct 1917 C.A.G. 15/18 M.O. 6/18

5. 8. 18 Recorded for duty as Assistant Instructor 4th Army Inf. Sch. C.A.G. 175/18 M.O. 6/18

awarded (Bar) to M.C. C.A.G. 15/19 M.O. 7/19

14. 1. 19 Ceased to be recorded as Assistant Instructor (4th Army Inf. School) and resumed regimental duty. C.A.G. 64/19 M.O. 262/19

Returned to Australia (Date, Transport, and any other details):—

Gazetted from A.I.F. *11.5.19 Appointment Terminated C.A.G. 107/19*

M.O. 42/19
ATB

D. 60710.15.—C.15380.

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Entitled to 1914/15 Star. M

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Surname *Loft*, M.C.
 Christian Names *Percey John Gilbert*

Statement of Service.

Rank	Unit	Date of Appointment to A.I.F.	Date of Subsequent Promotion	Reference to Commonwealth Gazette and other Authority	
<i>2^d Lieut</i>	<i>15th Batt</i>	<i>19-8-16</i>	<i>19-8-16</i>	<i>A.I.F. List 49-20-8-16</i>	<i>Awarded "M.C." 25-8-17 Supp. No 30251-25-8-17 A.I.F. List 223. Remained with H. Coy: Rn: flgs 20 yrs Joined 22/10/14 Sent 22-12-14 Rel of G. </i>
<i>Lieut.</i>			<i>18-4-17</i>	<i>P.II 68/8423-30-8-16</i>	
<i>Capt.</i>			<i>15-10-17</i>	<i>A.I.F. List 246. P.II 54/426/42 4/1/17</i>	

Casualties.

DECEASED			SICK OR WOUNDED				RETIRED		
Date	Place	Cause	Date	Place	Nature	Returned to duty	Date	Cause	Authority
No. of Grave	Cemetery	Name of Clergyman							

Personal.

Civil Occupation	Date and Place of Birth	Married or Single	Relationship, Name and Address of Next of Kin	Remarks
<i>Civil Servant G'land.</i>	<i>Bundaberg Cook G'land</i>	<i>S.</i>	<i>Wife Mrs. Loft Walla St, Bundaberg, Q'land</i>	<i>Wife (Toff.) Grace Macfarlane Stewart 43. Casington Road. Baywater W. 2. London England.</i>

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

PARTICULARS	Reference to Orders or other Authority
3.9.14. Proceeding to 4 th Eng. Div.	D.A.A. 5.
1.9.14. Seconded for duty with 4 th Eng. Bn.	A.I.F. list 230.
31.8.14. Seconded for duty with 4 th Eng. Bn. England from 15 th Bn. A.I.F.	✓ Q2 11/5902 10.9.14
25.8.14 Awarded Military Cross (vide supplement to London Gazette dated 25-8-14.	✓ P 54/14267E. 4.11.14
15.10.17. Prom: Captain to remain seconded with 4 th Eng Bn.	A.I.F. list 246 P 8/5933E 15/11/17
7.11.17. From 4 th T.B. is posted to 12 th T.B. on reorganisation, set out in A.I.F. Orders 1071 & to remain seconded whilst so employed	A.I.F. list 290.
4.2.18. PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE. Via Southampton	✓ CR. 4039/2/3. Q2 13/620E 14/2/18
6.2.18. en route to Depot in England	A.I.F. 158.
8/2/18 M.O. to 15 th Bn. A.I.F.	. 158
4.11.17. From 4 th Eng. Bn. is posted to 12 th Eng. Bn. on reorganisation set out in A.I.F. Orders 1071 and to remain seconded whilst so employed. A.I.F. List 14290. 1 Red 3 Blue Chevrons at 22.12.14	P 12/566C. 12.18. A.I.F. list 290.
12.2.18. Ceased to be seconded with 12 th Eng Bn & resumed regt duty.	✓ A.I.F. list 300
12.2.18. Reind 15 th Bn. from seconded to 12 th Eng. Bn. England.	✓ Q2. 9/190. 25/2/18
5.8.18. Detached for duty to 4 th Army Inf. Sch. Awarded Bar to M.C. (A.I.F. List 385 17/9/18). <small>Suppl. 10030901 16-9-18.</small>	✓ P 2 42/5233 4/9/18. ✓ P 2 47/6122 3/10/18.
5.8.18. Seconded for duty as Asst. Instr. 4 th Army Inf. Sch. 6.4.19. M.O. for R.Y.D. (1566 Bn)	✓ A.I.F. List 384. Q 6/119
13/4/19. Retd to Australia per "Castalia" ex Eng.	A.I.F. 690. 22/4/19
18.1.19. M.O. to Unit: ^{From} 4 th Army R. Y. School	A.I.F. 971 1448 17/5/19

DEFENCE
COR.
W 5743

DECEASED

Transferred to

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 505

Rank

Private

Name

John P. G. (M.M.)

Unit

15th Batt

Casualty

Wounded in action at Dardanelles M.F.B. 327/206 dated 26/5/15
G.I. Wound arm. 23/6/15.

Misc. No.

Maccallan. O.C. Backsramleh - 1651. Dates. 25.6.15.

23/6/15 Rescd to duty at base ex gly ltr. (M order 40/112)

DATE. Form B. 103. Received PURPORT. REF. No.

31/5/15
4/7/15
27/11

Notice of his advised wounded
notice of his advised nature of wound
2/8/15 Report to the M.O. 68/5038 D.P. 8/1/15

no date G.I.W. loan farm to 17 Gen Hoop. 19-5-15
Rejoined Unit 2-8-15 List no. 1 Ser no. 40257

Belg to Aust per H.T. "Castalia" embarked 13/1/19
G.I.B.L. 3392/5859 did London 17/1/19 Rec. G.P. 21/5/19

15 MAY 1919

N.O.K. Advised returning to Australia, Form 7 and Card
Returned to Australia per A. H.T. Castalia
Disembarked..... 3. M. D. 30/5/19 thence by rail to 17 M.O.B.

11. 8. 19
14. 11. 19

Appointment terminated (1919)
Form of Commission A.A.G. 1919 R. M. 43/140

1914/1915 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1929/15/17

WAR HISTORY INDEX

31. 7. 20

M.O. + Bar Medal received; Sent to Comd't. M.D. BRM 51/249



24. 6. 47
LIST 3/29. 7. 49

Supp 1914-15 Star B.W.M. & Victory Medal funds per Reg Post
Supp Medal Cross & Bar & Military Medal funds per Reg Post