

Captain Gordon Clunes Mackay MATHISON

Captain Gordon Clunes MacKay Mathison was born 1883 at Stanley, Victoria, the second of three sons of Hector Munro Mathison and Mary Martha/Martin Mathison (nee Barber). He had two sisters.



He was single, a 31 year old physician living at 'Aroona' Ebden Street, Elsternwick, Victoria when he enlisted on 20 Aug 1914, naming his mother Mrs MM Mathieson of the same address as next of kin. He was 5'5 tall, and weighed 10st 5lbs. Previous military service had been with the A Army Medical Corps.



He embarked with the 2nd Field Ambulance, Australian Army Medical Corps from Melbourne, Victoria on board HMAT A18 *Wiltshire* on 19 Oct 1914.

Captain Mathison died of wounds on 18 May 1915 aged 31 years. He is buried at Chatby Military Cemetery (Row Q, Grave No 441) Egypt.

He is commemorated on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial (Panel 183), on the Avenue of Honour (Point Nepean Road/ Nepean Highway and North Road), Brighton, Victoria; on the Memorial Plaque to Bayside's Fallen, Green Point, Brighton Beach, Victoria.

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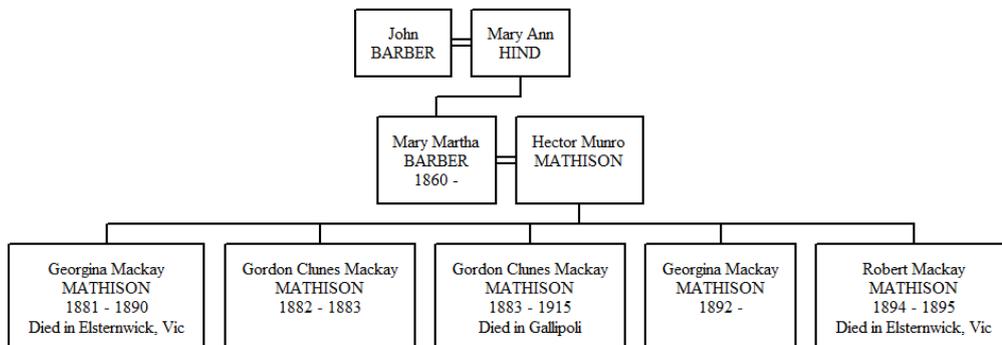
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