

**Brookwood Military Cemetery,
Brookwood, Surrey
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



29823 PRIVATE

C. C. MATHIESON

N.Z. OTAGO REGT

12TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 26

Colin Charles MATHIESON

Colin Charles Mathieson was born on 13th May, 1892 in Ararat, Victoria, Australia to parents Alexander & Mary Ann Maclean Mathieson (nee Dalling).

Alexander Mathieson, father of Colin Charles Mathieson, died in October, 1910 at Geelong, Victoria, Australia.

The 1914 & 1915 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Corangamite, subdivision of Ararat, Victoria, listed Colin Charles Mathieson, Labourer from Mt. Cole, Creek.

A "*Mr C. Mathieson*" aged 22, was a passenger on Warrimoo which departed from Victoria for New Zealand via Hobart, Tasmania in November, 1914.

Colin Charles Mathieson was a 24 year old, single, Labourer from Bluff, New Zealand when he enlisted on 28th June, 1916 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force (N.Z.E.F.). His service number was 29823 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs M. A. Mathieson, Mt Cole Creek, Victoria. His last employer was listed as G. J. Oates, Bluff, New Zealand.

Colin Charles Mathieson was posted to "D" Company, 18th Reinforcements, Otago Infantry Battalion on 28th June, 1916 for recruit training.

Colin Charles Mathieson married Margaret Ethel Owen Gilson (nee Cooper) on 16th August, 1916 at Bluff, New Zealand. Three step children were listed in Colin Charles Mathieson's Service Record file – Ethel May (born 1906 – Bluff); Robert Ernest (born 1908 – Bluff) & Alice Lilian (born 1910 – Bluff).

Private Colin Charles Mathieson embarked from New Zealand on HMT *Willochra* on 16th October, 1916 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 29th December, 1916.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson had been posted to "*Emp. as Coal Shifting*" on 14th December, 1916 & was entitled to extra duty pay for 2 days.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in New Zealand. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was marched in to 2nd Otago Company on 29th December, 1916.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was posted to Reserve Battalion at Sling Camp on 30th December, 1916.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson proceeded overseas on 1st February, 1917.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was admitted to 24th General Hospital at Etaples, France on 9th February, 1917 with Laryngitis.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was admitted to Walton-on-Thames Hospital, England on 28th February, 1917 with Pyrexia (fever) – slight. He was transferred to Convalescent Depot at Hornchurch, England on 13th March, 1917. Private Mathieson was to report to Codford on 18th April, 1917.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was admitted to New Zealand Convalescent Section (Ven. Ward) at Codford, Wiltshire on 28th April, 1917. He was discharged to Convalescent Depot at Codford on 11th May, 1917.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson proceeded overseas from Codford on 11th July, 1917.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was taken on strength on 1st New Zealand Divisional Emp Company on 14th July, 1917 from 2nd New Zealand Area Emp Company.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was admitted 3rd New Zealand Field Ambulance in France on 30th July, 1917 with V.D.G. then transferred to Ven. Hospital at Rouen on 30th July, 1917. He was transferred to 7th Convalescent Depot

on 1st August, 1917 then transferred to 51st General Hospital on 3rd August, 1917 with V.D.G. & was discharged on 23rd November, 1917.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was attached to N.Z.I. & G. B. D. (New Zealand Infantry & General Base Depot at Etaples) from Hospital on 24th November, 1917.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was admitted to 46th Stationary Hospital on 27th November, 1917 with Measles – mild. He was transferred to 6th Convalescent Depot on 2nd January, 1918.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was transferred from 6th Convalescent Depot to 5th Convalescent Depot in France on 4th January, 1918. He was discharged from 5th Convalescent Depot to Base Depot on 25th January, 1918.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was transferred to 1st Battalion, Otago Regiment on 23rd February, 1918. He joined the Battalion the same day & was posted to 8th Company.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was detached from 8th Company, 1st Battalion, Otago Regiment on 26th April, 1918 to Divisional Lewis Gun School. He rejoined his Unit on 17th May, 1918.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was wounded in action on 26th August, 1918. He was admitted to 1st New Zealand Field Ambulance & was reported to be dangerously ill on 27th August, 1918 with G.S.W. to neck. He was transferred & admitted to 2nd Stationary Hospital at Abbeville, France. Private Mathieson was reported to be sill dangerously ill on 1st September, 1918.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was previously reported as dangerously ill but was reported as seriously ill on 18th September, 1918. He was removed from Seriously Ill List on 20th September, 1918.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was reported to be dangerously ill on 22nd September, 1918 at Walton-on-Thames Hospital, England with G.S.W. to shoulder & neck.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was reported to be still dangerously ill on 28th September, 1918.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson died on 12th October, 1918 at 2nd New Zealand General Hospital, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, England from G.S.W. (gunshot wounds) to neck, shoulder & paraplegia.

A death for Colin C. Mathieson, aged 26, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Chertsey, Surrey, England.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was buried on 15th October, 1918 in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England – Plot number 181707. This is now recorded by CWGC as Memorial reference - II. A. 5. Private Colin Charles Mathieson has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Mathieson's widow – Mrs M. E. O. Mathieson, 49 Catherine St, Timaru, New Zealand, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent June, 1921 & Plaque sent December, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Colin Charles Mathieson – service number 29823, aged 26, of 1st Battalion, Otago Regiment, N.Z.E.F. He was the youngest son of Mrs A. and the late Mr A. Mathieson, of Ararat, Victoria, Australia; husband of Margaret Ethel O. Mathieson, of 49 Catherine St., Timaru, New Zealand.

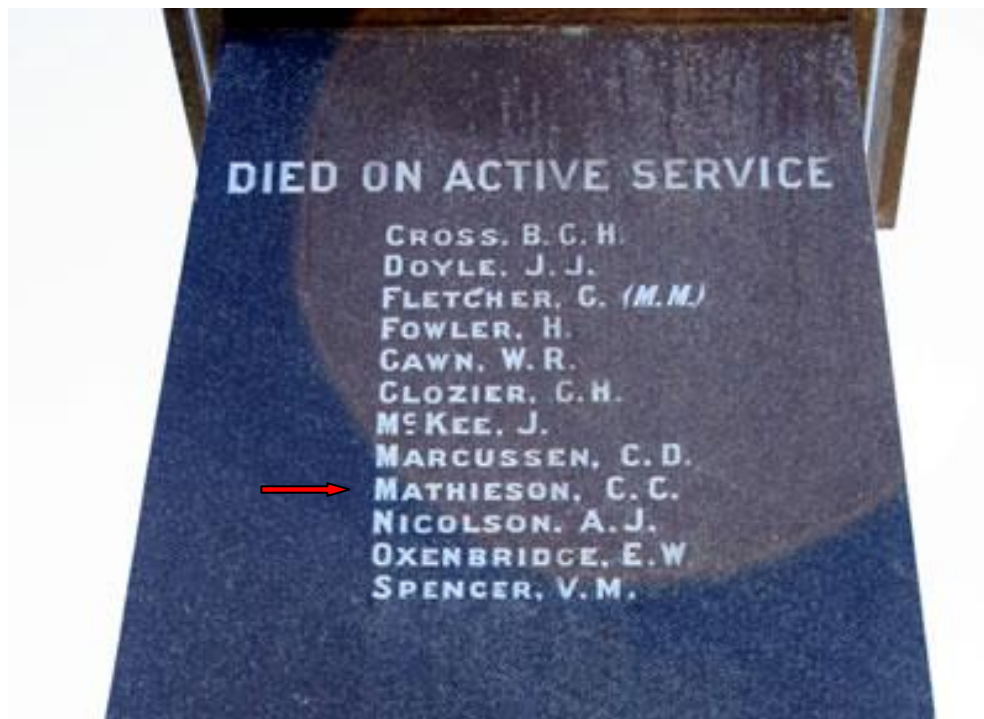
Private Colin Charles Mathieson is listed on the New Zealand World War 1 Army Roll of Honour 1914 – 1919 (page 201).

2/2486 29823	Gnr. Pte.	Mathias, William Henry Mathieson, Colin Charles	N.Z.F.A. O.I.R.	^{29/10/18} Killed in action, France, 7/10/18. Died of wounds, U.K. x France, 12/10/18.
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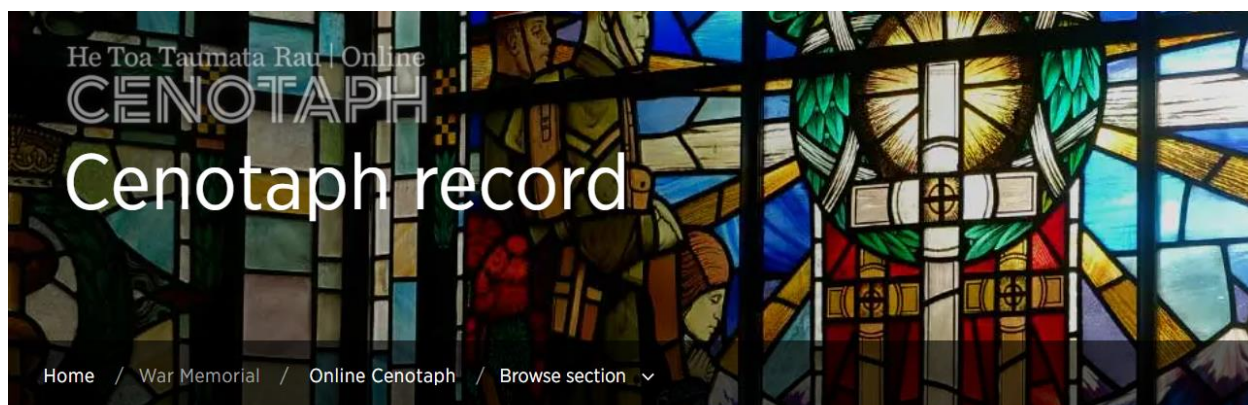
C. C. Mathieson is remembered on The Bluff War Memorial, located at Marine Parade, Bluff, South Island, New Zealand.



The Bluff War Memorial (Photos from New Zealand History)



Private Colin Charles Mathieson is remembered on the Auckland Museum's Online Cenotaph, New Zealand.



Online Cenotaph

Colin Charles Mathieson

Person search

Died 12 October 1918

Private Colin Charles Mathieson is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.



Commemorative Roll (Photo from AWM)



Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial (*Capital Photographer*)

(19 pages of Private Colin Charles Mathieson's Service records are available for On Line viewing at Archives New Zealand).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Commemorative Roll) & Archives New Zealand



Private Colin Charles Mathieson (*Photo courtesy of Graham Grist*)

Newspaper Notices

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

CASUALTY LIST NO. 943

Wounded

OTAGO INFANTRY

(August 26)

MATHIESON, C. C. (Mrs M. E. O. Mathieson, Bluff, wife)

(*Southland Times*, Issue 17878 – 6 September, 1918)

NEW ZEALAND ARMY

LAST NIGHT'S CASUALTY LIST

OTAGO DISTRICT

DIED OF WOUNDS

Mathieson, C. C., 29823, C.I.R. (Mrs M. E. Mathieson, Bluff, w), 12th October

(*Evening Post*, Volume XCVI, Issue 95 – 18 October, 1918)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Private Colin Charles Mathieson has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England

Located 30 miles from London in Surrey, Brookwood Military Cemetery is the largest CWGC cemetery in the United Kingdom. The cemetery contains the graves of more than 1,600 servicemen of the British Empire in the First World War and over 3,470 from the Second World War.

Brookwood Military Cemetery lies adjacent to Brookwood Cemetery (The London Necropolis), a vast space which covers 500 acres. In 1917, an area to the north of the cemetery was set aside as Brookwood Military Cemetery for men and women of Commonwealth forces who died, many of battle wounds, in the London district. This site was further extended to accommodate Commonwealth casualties of the Second World War. *(Information from CWGC)*

There are 446 Australian War Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery – 351 from World War 1 & 95 from World War 2.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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A large crowd attends an A.I.F. military funeral at Brookwood Cemetery. In the foreground wooden crosses mark rows of graves. (Photo c1919)

Identified: Front row, left to right: Second Lieutenant Douglas Abbott Ferguson, Australian Flying Corps, died of accidental injuries 18 August 1918; Lieutenant (Lt) Francis John Smedley MC, 7th Battalion, died of wounds 20 August 1918.

Second row: 6860 Private (Pte) James Alexander McKeown, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 20 June 1918; 3622 Pte S T Wilson, 2nd Australian Pioneers, died of wounds 4 July 1918; 2390 Sergeant Frederick Charles Stronell, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 9 July 1918; Lt Arthur Melville Lilburne MC, 6th Brigade Australian Field Artillery, died of disease 11 July 1918.



Brookwood Military Cemetery (Photo from CWGC)



Brookwood Military Cemetery (Photos by Magicfingers)



Australian Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery (Photos by Magicfingers)





(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)



Australian War Graves *(Photo courtesy of Neil Bright 2020)*

Photo of Private C. C. Mathieson's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England.



(Photo courtesy of Graham Grist)



(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher – Jan 2021)

