

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



4846 PRIVATE

M. C. MAYSTON

AUST. ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

23RD FEBRUARY, 1917 Age 40

Always a Sympathetic Friend

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Malcolm Charles MAYSTON

Malcolm Charles Mayston was born at South Melbourne, Victoria in 1877 to parents Malcolm & Ada Augusta Mayston (nee Dyson).

Malcolm Charles Mayston attended State School & South Melbourne College, Victoria.

The 1903 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Bourke, subdivision of Coburg, Victoria listed Malcolm Charles Mayston, Photographer, of Moreland Grove, Coburg. His parents – Ada August, Home Duties & Malcolm Mayston, Merchant were listed at Moreland Grove, Coburg as well as Frank Robert Mayston, Traveller.

The 1905 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Bourke, subdivision of Coburg, Victoria listed Malcolm Charles Mayston, Photographer, of Moreland Grove, Coburg. His parents – Ada August, Home Duties & Malcolm Mayston, Merchant were listed at Moreland Grove, Coburg.

The 1909 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Bourke, subdivision of Coburg, Victoria listed Malcolm Charles Mayston, Photographer, of Moreland Grove, Coburg. His parents – Ada August, Home Duties & Malcolm Mayston, Merchant were listed at Moreland Grove, Coburg.

The 1912 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Balaclava, subdivision of Sandringham, Victoria listed Malcolm Charles Mayston, junior, Clerk from Service St., Hampton. His parents – Ada Augusta Mayston, Home Duties, and Malcolm Mayston, senior, Printer, were also listed at Service St., Hampton as well as Albert Ernest Mayston, Traveller.

The 1914, 1915, 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Henty, subdivision of Sandringham, Victoria listed Malcolm Charles Mayston, junior, Clerk from Georgiana Street, Sandringham. His parents – Ada Augusta Mayston, Home Duties, and Malcolm Mayston, senior, Printer, were also listed at Georgiana Street, Sandringham as well as Albert Ernest Mayston, Traveller.

Malcolm Charles Mayston was a 38 year old, single, Photographer from Tower House, Sandringham, Victoria when he enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria on 23rd January, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 4846 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr M. Mayston, Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

Private Malcolm Charles Mayston was posted to Broadmeadows, Victoria on 25th January, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to Seymour in May, 1915 then transferred to 23rd Depot Battalion at Royal Park on 18th September, 1915. Private Mayston was transferred to 16th Depot Battalion at Bendigo on 2nd December, 1915. He was transferred to 15th Reinforcements of 7th Battalion at Broadmeadows on 6th January, 1916 & was promoted as Acting Sergeant,

Private Malcolm Charles Mayston embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Wiltshire (A18)* on 7th March, 1916 with the 7th Infantry Battalion, 15th Reinforcements.

Private Malcolm Charles Mayston was transferred to 5th Pioneer Battalion on 17th April, 1916 from 7th Battalion. He was taken on strength of 5th Pioneer Battalion at Ferry Post on 26th April, 1916.

Private Malcolm Charles Mayston embarked from Alexandria on 19th June, 1916 on Transport *Canada* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 25th June, 1916.

Private Malcolm Charles Mayston was transferred to 5th Divisional Signal Company on 7th August, 1916 as Sapper. He was attached to 5th Divisional Signal Company from 5th Pioneer Battalion on 8th August, 1916 in France.

Sapper Malcolm Charles Mayston was taken on strength of 14th Field Ambulance on 6th October, 1916 & was detached for duty with 5th Divisional Signal Company the same day. (Note: Casualty form – Active Service also has the following listed for 13th October, 1916 – “*Tfd to 14th Fld Amb. & attached to 5th D. S. Coy for duty as A.M.C. details.*”)

Private Malcolm Charles Mayston was sent sick to Hospital on 23rd December, 1916 with an accidental injury. He was admitted to 36th Casualty Clearing Station on 23rd December, 1916 with "*Contus Wd Face*" then transferred & admitted to 2nd L. Casualty Clearing Station on 25th December, 1916 with "*acc. inj scalp.*" Sapper Mayston was transferred to Ambulance Train on 29th December, 1916 & admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital at Rouen, France on 30th December, 1916. He was transferred to England on Hospital Ship *St Patrick* on 13th January, 1917.

The following was recorded on Casualty form – Active Service – Certificate of C.O. 5th Australian Divisional Signal Company:

"I certify that the injury to the above named soldier occurred while he was in the performance of military duty."

Date of Injury:- 23rd December, 1916

Place:- In the Field

Nature of duty:- AMC detail routine duties.

Whether the soldier was in any way to blame:- No blame could be attached to the soldier.

War Diary - 5th Divisional Signal Company

Ribemont - 23rd December 1916:

Electric light set dismantled and to receive a thorough overhaul by electrician.

1 o.r. (A.M.C. detail attached) to hospital, accidentally injured.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Mr M. Mayston, Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Victoria, father of Private Malcolm Charles Mayston, was advised by Base Records on 15th January, 1917 that No. 4846 Private M. C. Mayston, 14th Australian Field Ambulance late 5th Divisional Signal Company was reported dangerously ill contused face would scalp – accidental.

Mr Mayston was advised on 17th January, 1917 that Private M. C. Mayston was pronounced out of danger. He was advised on 30th January, 1917 that Private M. C. Mayston was again reported to be dangerously ill.

Private Malcolm Charles Mayston was admitted to Horton County of London War Hospital, England on 15th January, 1917 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to head – severe (Another entry states he was admitted to City of London War Hospital however, the Hospital Admission form recorded the County of London War Hospital, Epsom). He was transferred to Epsom War Hospital on 25th January, 1917 – dangerously ill.

Mr Mayston was advised on 5th February, 1917 that Private M. C. Mayston's condition was improving. Mr Mayston was advised on 8th February, 1917 that Private M. C. Mayston had been admitted to the County of London War Hospital on 15th January, 1917 & gave his new postal address.

Mr Mayston was advised on 13th February, 1917 that Private M. C. Mayston's condition was progressing favourably. He was advised on 23rd February, 1917 that Private M. C. Mayston's condition was critical.

Private Malcolm Charles Mayston died at 11.20 am on 23rd February, 1917 at County of London War Hospital, Epsom, England from wounds received in action in France – Contused Face & wound Scalp. The Hospital Admissions form recorded "*died from embolus in floor of 4th ventricle (Paralysis).*"

A death for Malcolm C. Mayston, aged 40, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Epsom, Surrey, England.

Private Malcolm Charles Mayston was buried on 26th February, 1917 in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England – Australian Military Burial Ground - Plot number 178829.

From the burial report of Private Mayston -*Coffin was good. Elm. The remains of the deceased soldier were borne to the graveside by members of the A.I.F. Captain Neale representing the Administrative Headquarters A.I.F. London was present at the funeral. Deceased's Sister (Mrs H. V. Crozer of "Keswick" Essendon Road, Sanderstead, Surrey) was also present at the funeral arrangements were carried out in a satisfactory manner.*

Base Records wrote to Mr M. Mayston, 520 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Victoria on 4th April, 1923 stating that the site of No. 4846 Private M. C. Mayston's grave in Brookwood Military Cemetery had been officially registered as Plot 11 Row F Grave 4.

This is now recorded by CWGC as Memorial reference –XI. F. 4. Private Malcolm Charles Mayston has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Mr Moyston, The Old Tower House, Georginna Street, Sandringham, father of the late Private Malcolm Charles Mayston, wrote to the Minister for Defence on 31st March, 1917 with the following: *"When so many "carking critics" (?) are finding fault with the administration of your department it is only fair that I should acknowledge the obligation I am under for the many and prompt reports re the accident by which my late son lost his life. That the base records staff kept me so well informed when there were so many thousands of other cases to be dealt with speaks most creditably for the organisation and energy of the department."*

The Acting Secretary, Defence Department wrote to Mr Moyston, Esq., The Old Tower House, Georginna Street, Sandringham the following: *"I am directed by the Minister to inform you that he has noted with pleasure and thanks you for your communication of the 31st. ultimo, relative to the furnishing of particulars of casualties in the case of your late son."*

Private Malcolm Charles Mayston was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Mayston's father – Mr M. Mayston, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Malcolm Charles Mayston – service number 4846, aged 40, of 14th Field Ambulance, Australian Army Medical Corps. He was the son of Malcolm and Ada Augusta Mayston, of 520 Lonsdale St., Melbourne.

Private M. C. Mayston is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 183.

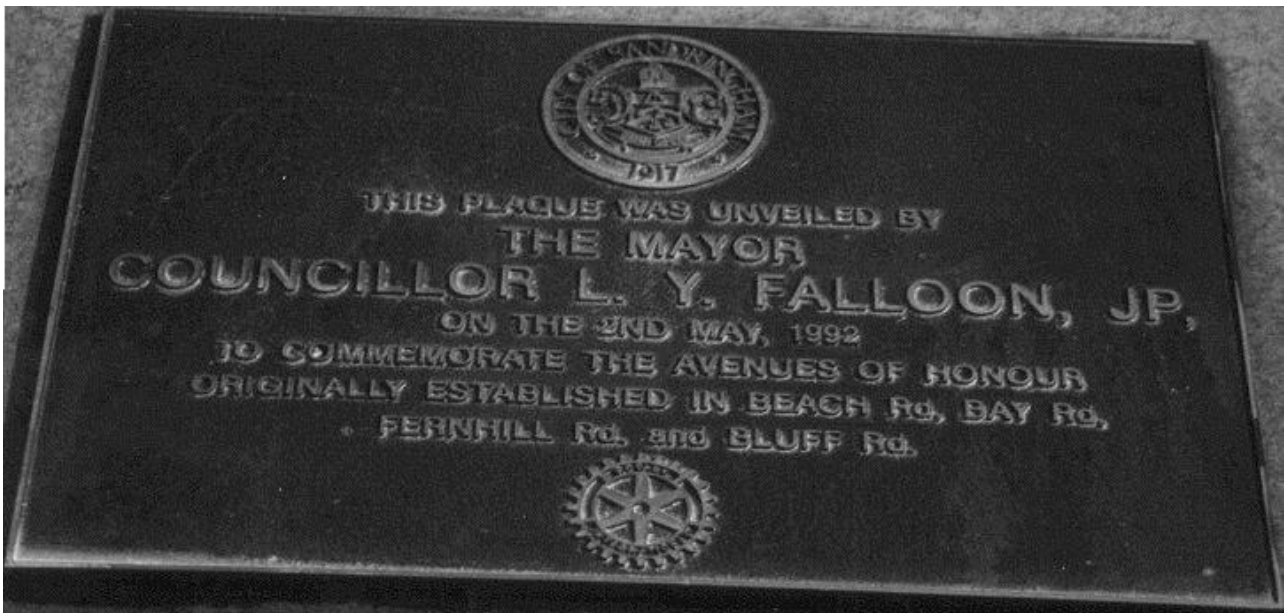


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

M. C. Mayston was remembered with a Tree on the Avenues of Honour at Bay Road, Sandringham, Victoria.



Sandringham Avenues of Honour (Photos from VHD Heritage)



Newspaper article –Brighton Southern Cross, Victoria – 1 September, 1917:

Avenue of Honour

SANDRINGHAM

The following is a List of the Sandringham Soldiers whose names have been commemorated on the Trees Planted recently to form a Local Avenue of Honor:-

BAY ROAD

On Right Hand Side of Bay Road, Along Tram Track

.....

Sergeant M. C. Mayston

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The Sandringham Cenotaph, located at The Crescent, Beach Road, Sandringham, Victoria does not list individual names.



Sandringham Cenotaph (Photo from Monument Australia – Graeme Saunders)

(49 pages of Private Malcolm Charles Mayston's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



Newspaper Notices

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

LIST 268 ISSUED

WOUNDED AND DANGEROUSLY ILL

Victoria

M. C. MAYSTON, Melbourne

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 25 January, 1917)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

273rd CASUALTY LIST

WOUNDED

Pte M. C. MAYSTON (severe)

(Bendigo Advertiser, Victoria – 20 February, 1917)

DIED ON SERVICE

MAYSTON – Died in hospital, in England, on the 23rd February (result of accident in France), Private Malcolm Charles Mayston, dearly beloved eldest son of Malcolm and Ada Mayston, Tower House, Sandringham, aged 40 years.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 1 March, 1917)

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

277th LIST

Died of Wounds

Pte M. C. MAYSTON, Melbourne

(The Bendigo Independent, Victoria – 9 March, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MAYSTON, M. C. – Sacred to the memory of one who was beloved by all, died February 23, 1917.

Never to be forgotten.

-Inserted by his loving family).

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 23 February, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MAYSTON – In loving memory of Malcolm Charles Mayston (Mallie), who died in England, on 23rd February, 1917, from an accident sustained in France.

Ever loved; never to be forgotten.

-(Inserted by his mother father and family)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 February, 1919)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

Private M. C. Mayston does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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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.



Brookwood Military Cemetery *(Photos by Magicfingers)*

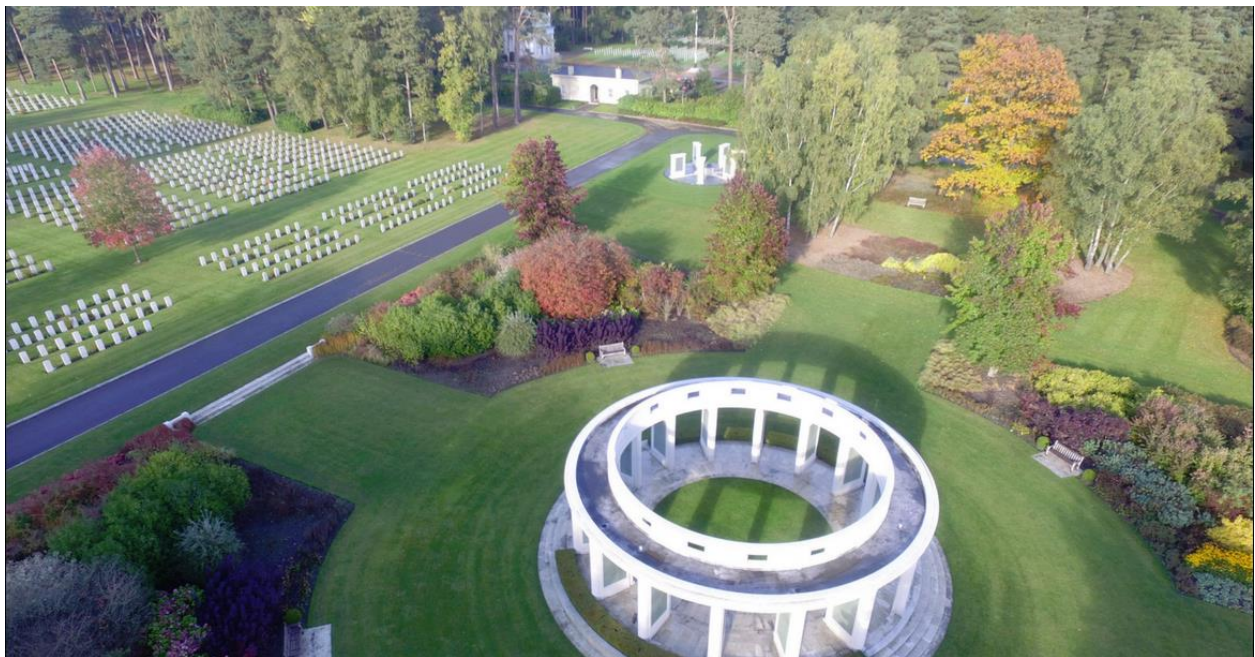


AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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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)



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 M. C. Mayston's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England.



(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)



Plot 11 Row F – Brookwood Military Cemetery *(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)*



(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher – Jan 2021)

