

The University of Sydney

WAR SERVICE RECORD

Malcolm

SURNAME **MURRAY** (Block Letters) Other Names **Robert Andrew Malcolm** (Clearly Written)
Rank **Lieutenant** Unit **45th Battalion**
Date and Place of Enlistment **Sydney, N.S.W. End of 1915**
Date of Embarkation and Name of Transport **22nd May 1916 (Transport not known)**
Date of Return to Australia and Name of Transport

Place, date and nature of Casualty (if any) **Killed in action at Messines Ridge, Battle of Messines June 7th 1917. aged 21 years.**

Decorations (if any) **Military Cross**

"Lieutenant Robert Andrew Malcolm Murray: He led his party in the attack with great courage and determination, and by his fine example inspired his men at a critical time. He previously carried out several dangerous reconnaissances and obtained most valuable information."

Full details and remarks as to service:—

At the time of his death he was Intelligence officer to the Batt. after the taking of Messines on the early morning of June 7th 1917 it was his task to push through the front-line & set out direction tapes & flags for the Battalion to form up for an attack on an objective about a thousand yards ahead. He started out with his Intelligence Section early in the morning & when coming up Messines Ridge at 7.30 was wounded by a shell in left shoulder. His corporal dressed the wound & tried to persuade him to go back but he refused. On arriving at the right place he left all but one man in cover & went out under heavy fire to set the tapes out, when they both fell. Shot through the head by machine gun fire. Lt. Murray was also wounded in the thigh. He had previously in the year been awarded the Military Cross - with which he was invested on April 25th at Buckingham Palace. Copy of cutting from "The Times" attached.

School or Schools attended before entrance to University: **Woodford Academy, S. Grammar School.**
Period of attendance at University: **about 2 years**
Faculty and Degrees: **Medicine (M)**

The particulars above are correct to the best of my belief.

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