

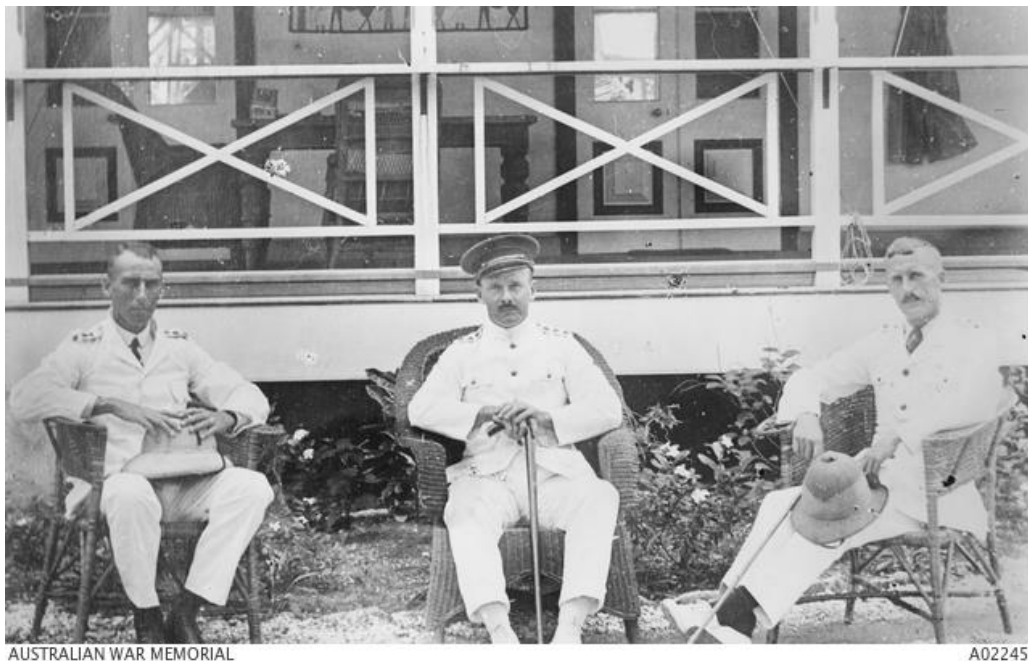
CAPT

JOHN EBEBEZER DONALDSON

John was born at Rosewater, South Australia, the son of George Donaldson and his wife, Grace Gertrude, nee Shirley. He graduated with a MB from Sydney University and at the outbreak of war he was the Resident Pathologist at Sydney Hospital.

John had two brothers who, like him, signed up early. Private Charles Bernard Donaldson, regimental number 1341, was with the 2nd battalion and killed at Gallipoli and Lt George Shirley Donaldson MC, served with the 56th Battalion and was wounded several times as well as winning the Military Cross.

John joined the Army Medical Corps, AN&MEF, on 12th August 1914 and on 18th August was given a Commission as Captain. He returned from Rabaul aboard the SS NAVUA on 18th Jan 1915 and his appointment was terminated on 24th Feb.



John on left in Rabaul.

He was granted a Commission as Lieutenant with C Company, 19th Battalion on 6th June 1915 and sailed for Suez aboard the CERAMIC on 25th June 1915, arriving in Alexandria on 23rd July. The battalion landed on Gallipoli on 19th August and John was evacuated suffering from Paratyphoid on 15th November. In March 1916, the battalion moved to France where he was promoted Captain on 11th May.

On 8th July 1916, he married an Australian Nursing Sister, Catherine Minnie Porter at Estaples, France. Just two weeks later, on 26th July John was wounded at Pozieres and admitted to the 1st Red Cross Hospital, Le Tonquet where, on 11th August, he died of pneumonia resulting from his wounds.

John is buried at the Estaples Military Cemetery and is remembered on Panel 88 at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.