

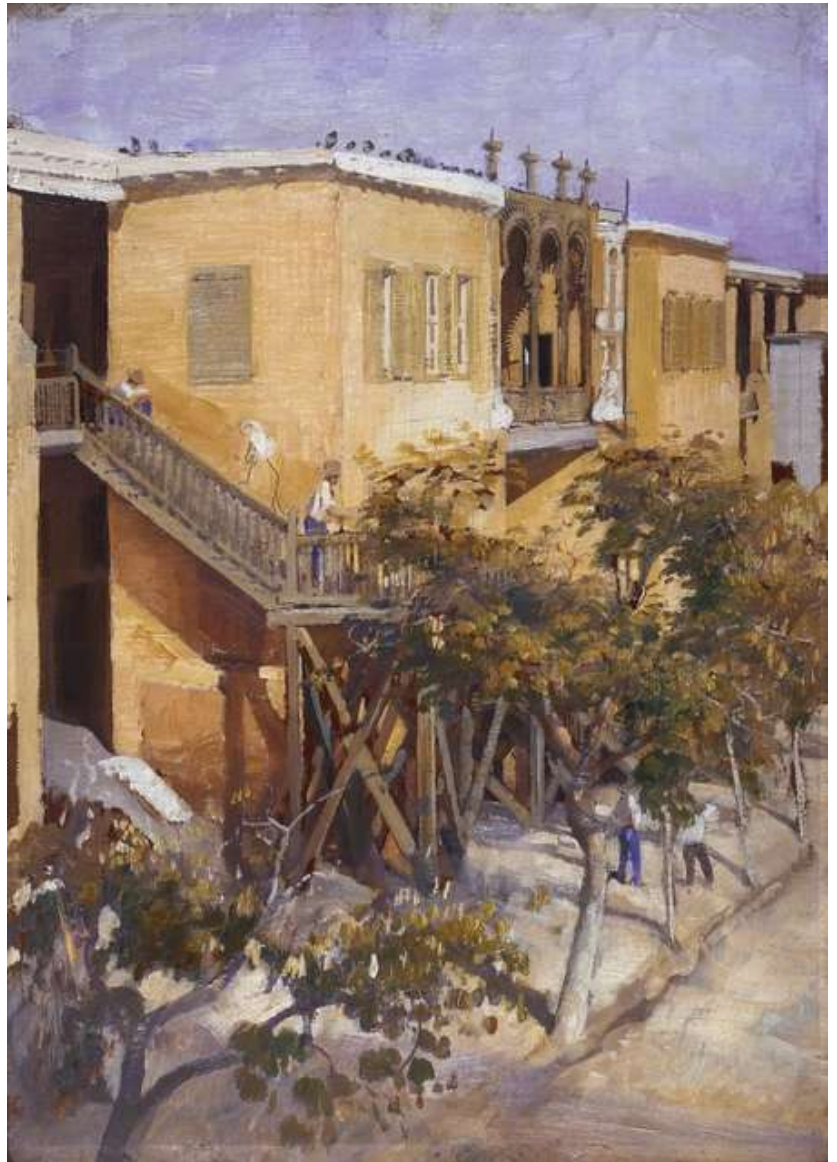
John Gilbert MAJOR

John (Jack) Gilbert Major was the son of a solicitor in South Melbourne. He was born in 1881. He was admitted to the Bar in 1908 and in 1909 he established the firm of George and Major in Camperdown with Mr Arthur George.

Jack Major tried unsuccessfully to enlist at some point early in the war, but was rejected on “health reasons”. However, in February of 1916 he was successful in enlisting in the Army Medical Corps as a private. His first year of service was spent in local army hospitals such as at Ascot Vale, Royal Park, Broadmeadows and Seymour.

He was 36 years old when he eventually embarked overseas in June 1917. After initially serving at an isolation camp in Moascar, (a form of quarantine camp to screen and hold soldiers for measles, mumps and other infectious diseases), he spent a month with the 4th Light Horse Field Ambulance. Thereafter he served at the 14th Australian General Hospital at Abbassia, Egypt, until his return to Australia in August of 1919.

Jack Major returned to life as a solicitor in Melbourne, and then country Victoria (Hopetoun and Sale). He retired back to Melbourne in the early 1940's and died in 1959 aged 78.



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Painting of the 14th Australian General Hospital at Abbassia by official war artist George Lambert. Jack Major was stationed there at the time of this painting.
