

Francis Maxwell BEST

Francis Best was educated at the University of Melbourne, passing his Annual Exam in November 1900. He was admitted to practice on 2 February 1904. He practised in Castlemaine with his father's firm, Best, Newell and Lawson until moving, with his family to London to work, in mid 1913.

Best had married Mary Eliza Whitty in 1907.

He was reported in *The Argus*, in an article dated 26 December 1914, as having joined the British forces at the outbreak of war. He enlisted in the 2nd King Edward's Horse as a trooper. It is noted in the article that, at the end of October, he obtained a commission as a first Lieutenant in the East Surrey Regiment (infantry). Furthermore, it states that, by November, he was attached to the 11th Battalion of that regiment and stationed at Devonport as commander of the company. Following the war, Best continued in his legal practice both in the United Kingdom and Australia.

