

## Clifford Henry BOOK

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Clifford Book was born in Liverpool, England in 1895. After migrating to Australia he completed his law degree at Melbourne University in 1915. After finishing his articles, he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force in September 1917.

By January 1918, he found himself in France as a lance corporal in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Battalion. In April 1918, the 23<sup>rd</sup> helped to turn back the German Spring Offensive, and then took part in the battles that would mark the beginning of Germany's defeat - Hamel, Amiens and Mont St Quentin. Book's battalion left the front, for the last time, on the night of 5 October, and was resting when the armistice was declared on 11 November 1918.

Clifford Book returned home to Australia in 1919 and was admitted to practice in 1920. In 1926, he was appointed a Crown Prosecutor and became a judge of the County Court in 1942. He died in June 1954. Judge Book was one of the youngest men to appear on the Supreme Court memorial board, being only 22 when he enlisted.



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Photo taken at Broadmeadows Camp of the 20<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, photo taken October 1917, no-one is identified but Book could be one of these men.