

H.W. BROWNE

DO YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS STORY?

The historical record appears very thin on early details for HW Browne. It shows that he was residing in Woomelang, in northern Victoria and practising as a solicitor there, with his sole business advertising in the *Birchip Advertiser and Watchem Sentinel*, during 1914 and 1915. He was a member of the Australian Natives Association (ANA) with G C Lachal (another man from our Memorial Board) both acting as auditors.

The *St Arnaud Mercury* reported on 29th May 1915 that Browne was to enlist, the second local Woomelang solicitor to do so, following G C Lachal, although he was still actively practising in May 1915 in an ongoing court matter.

The *Nhill Free Press* reported on 11th June 1915 that Browne “..having failed to pass the examination in Melbourne... has booked his passage to London, where he intends to offer himself for Kitchener’s army”. Shipping records show an entry for an H W Browne, born about 1882, age 33 departing on the *Osterley* for England.

The *Ouyen Mail* on 17 November 1915 noted Browne was training at London (and Pte GC Lachal was “passed out temporarily from the front”).

There is very little clear evidence of H W Browne’s life in post 1915 historical records.

If you know anything more about HW Browne’s war service, please contact us.

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