

James Lewis Maitland CAMPBELL

James Campbell was born in Kew on 7th August 1888. He was educated at Scotch College and Melbourne University (Ormond), and was admitted to practice on 1st May 1913.

Although the historical record is not clear whether Campbell practiced law before he enlisted for the First World War, his enlistment papers reflect his occupation as solicitor. He enlisted on the 15th of July 1915 at 26 years of age, and married Muriel Grace Roadknight on the 10th November 1915. He later spent from March to November 1916 in training camps in Bendigo, Geelong and Broadmeadows.

Campbell embarked for England on HMAT *Medic* on 16th December 1916 with the 58th Battalion, 8th reinforcements. He reached Plymouth on 18th February 1917 and marched out to the 15th Training Battalion as an acting corporal. *The Geelong Advertiser*, in March 1917, noted Campbell's arrival in England and that he had thirty cousins in the "fighting line, some of whom have received military honors". This includes his cousin Harold Harper (also named on our board).

After a period of training at Tidworth, between June and August 1917, Campbell proceeded to France with the 58th Battalion. He made the rank of lance corporal in October 1917, before returning to England in December 1917 to join the No. 5 Officer Cadet Battalion in Cambridge. Campbell remained in England until he rejoined the 58th Battalion in France in late August 1918 as a 2nd lieutenant. In October 1918, Campbell was posted back to the United Kingdom and worked in various military educational roles until he returned to Australia in June 1919. Campbell retained his connection with the armed forces, as lieutenant of the Reserve of Officers, from January 1920 to March 1932.

On 2nd August 1919 *The Argus* reported a branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League was newly formed in Kew with Campbell as a founding committee member, along with F Menzies, L Levy, R Martin and GJ Crespin. All are legal practitioners recorded on the Memorial Board.

In 1926, Campbell joined his father's legal firm Davies & Campbell, located in Collins St Melbourne. The electoral roll shows Campbell spent some time in Corryong as a solicitor in 1931, and later lived in Camberwell in 1937.

Campbell died in Kew, aged 95 years, in 1983.



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The Australian transport vessel HMAT *Medic* prepares to leave the wharf at Port Melbourne. The ship was carrying a wide variety of reinforcements, including members of the 8th Reinforcements, 58th Battalion; 16 December 1916