

Clive Emerson CONNELLY



Clive Emerson Connelly was born on the 29th of May 1885. He studied at Bendigo Grammar and completed his Law Degree at Melbourne University. After being admitted on the 1st of May 1907, he went into partnership in Bendigo 1908, but just prior to the outbreak of the War he had set up his own practice in Melbourne.

Clive Connelly married Vivienne Jackson in 1911 and they had had a young son, Jeff, by the time the War began.

Having served in the Militia before the outbreak of the war, he applied for a commission as an officer in the Australian Imperial Forces in November 1914. He received a commission as a captain, effective from October 9 1914. He embarked upon the HMAT *Ulysses* on 22 December 1914 with the 14th Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Richard Courtney, who is also featured on the Supreme Court Board. Captain Connelly took part in the Gallipoli landings, and received a bayonet wound to the leg within the first week of fighting. He was evacuated to hospital in Alexandria, Egypt in early May 1915.

He rejoined his unit in June but was struck down with an illness, noted as 'not serious' in July and was evacuated to Malta for recuperation.

On 24 August 1915, he rejoined the 4th Brigade, which was under the command of John Monash. Connelly died on 28 August 1915 as part of the fierce and, in the end, largely pointless fighting for Hill 60. He is commemorated on the Lone Pine Memorial. His brother, Major Eric Winfield Connelly, also at Gallipoli, died in September 1918 in France.