

Cecil Harwood Locke DAVIES

Born in 1886, Cecil Davies attended Melbourne University, where he joined the Melbourne University rifles, completed his degree, and was subsequently admitted to practice in 1912. He was working in the family firm, Sir M H Davies and Sons, at 400 Collins Street, Melbourne at the time of his enlistment in July 1916.

Davies joined the Services Corps as a driver. He left for France in October 1916. Not long after his arrival in France he was transferred to the 5th Division Headquarters as a driver and later acting quartermaster-sergeant. He was mentioned in despatches at the end of the war for 'conspicuous service'. Davies returned to Australia in November 1919.

He returned to the family firm, but later moved to Donald in rural Victoria as part of Oakley Thompson. During World War Two he enlisted again, initially with the Service Corps. Later, he was transferred to the Pay Corps with a commission as lieutenant, and then was promoted to captain. He served for at least some of this time as the paymaster at the prisoner of war camp at Tatura. He died in Queensland in 1954.



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5th Divisional Headquarters motor car, the first to enter the town after its final capture by troops of the 5th Division, 2 September 1918. France: Picardie, Somme, Peronne.