

## Henry Maurice DAVIES

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Born in Carlton in 1887, Henry Davies completed his Master of Laws at Melbourne University in 1910 and was admitted to practice in 1911.

He enlisted as a private with the 10<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance in March 1916 and left Australia in June 1916, finally arriving at the Western Front in March 1917. He was attached to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Casualty Clearing Station and would have witnessed the effects of many of the major 1917 battles. Bean in his *Official History of Australia in the War* (Vol IV) discusses the role of the Casualty Clearing Stations during the Battle of Messines. In particular, he mentioned that the No. 2 Station admitted 2,830 patients and cleared 2,579 in 48 hours, and over 1,000 operations were performed.

Davies became ill with influenza in June 1918 and, after hospitalisation, returned briefly to the Medical Corps, before transferring to the Pay Corps, first in France and later in England. He became a corporal, just as he returned to Australia in January 1919.

Davies had married Marjorie Hawkins, in England, in October 1916 and she joined him in Australia. He worked as a solicitor in Collins street, in partnership and, later, by himself as EP Johnson & Davies. He died in 1971.



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