

## John Roberts DUNSTAN

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John Dunstan was born in Bendigo in 1892, he attended Melbourne University, where he completed his degree, and was admitted to practice in March 1915.

He enlisted in September 1915, at Bendigo, and was sent off to officer training in early 1916. He married in November 1916, shortly before departing for the War, in February 1917. Dunstan was on the ill fated *Ballarat* which was torpedoed just off the coast of England on 25 April 1917. Everyone survived the incident.

In England, Dunstan spent most of 1917, either sick or with a training battalion. He joined the 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion in France in February 1918 and in April was made a full lieutenant.

From May 1918 onwards, Dunstan was in and out of hospital with various ailments. In February 1919 he was declared medically unfit and discharged from the army. He returned to Australia in April 1919.

Upon his return he worked as a solicitor as Dunlop and Dunstan who had offices in Melbourne during the 1920s and 1930s. In 1937, John Dunstan appeared as the defendant in a number of Court cases about payment disputes. In August 1938, he was suspended from practice due to financial irregularities relating to his legal practice. At this time, he indicated that ill health was preventing him from functioning professionally and he died in February 1939.



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7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion of which Dunstan was a member.