

John Wentworth FENTON



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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John Fenton was born in 1891 at Albert Park. He attended Melbourne University and was undertaking his articles at the time of his enlistment in July 1915. Fenton had served with the local militia prior to his enlistment in the AIF.

He left Australia in September 1915 on the *Star of Victoria* with a commission of 2nd lieutenant as a member of the 59th Battalion.

He journeyed to France via Egypt arriving at the Western Front in July 1916. He was present at the battle at Fromelles, and like so many others, he was wounded in this first encounter with the German forces. He suffered gunshot wounds to the right leg and chest. He was hospitalised and returned briefly to his unit but, by March 1917, he was back in London and declared medically unfit. His appointment with the AIF was terminated in May 1917 and he returned to Australia.

He returned to complete his articles and was admitted to practice in June 1919. In the early 1920s he was in practice under his own name in

Collins street, and later was a partner in Fenton and Dunn. He married in 1925 and died in 1965.