

Robert Henry GREGORY

Robert Gregory, born in East Melbourne in 1879, was 35 years old when he enlisted in July 1917. A prize winner at University at the turn of the century, Robert Gregory graduated from Melbourne University in 1901 and was admitted to practice in 1903. His father, John Gregory, was also a barrister and leader of the Equity Bar.

On Gregory's enlistment papers his trade or calling is listed as a "Barrister at Law". He joined as a private, at Broadmeadows, with the 25th Reinforcements for the 7th Battalion. He left Australia in August 1917 and arrived at Glasgow in October 1917. He spent the rest of 1917 training as a machine gunner and officer in the United Kingdom. He arrived in France in January 1918, was made a lieutenant and joined the Field Artillery. After being accidentally injured in October 1918, he returned to England and became part of the AIF education services.

He returned to Australia in May 1919 and resumed his career as a barrister specialising in real property. Like his father before him, he lectured on property at the university. He was also the president of the Blinded Soldiers Association, although not blind himself. Robert Gregory died in 1932.

BLIND SOLDIERS.



Mr. R. H. Gregory, president and only sighted member of the Victorian Blinded Soldiers' Association, who was honoured by his colleagues at a social last night.