

## Reginald Edric HAIN

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Born in December 1887, Reginald Hain attended Wesley College and Melbourne University. He completed his degree and was admitted to practice on 1 May 1913. It was at university that he met his wife Gladys Taylor, one of the earliest female law graduates, they married in April 1915, shortly before he left for Gallipoli.

Hain enlisted with the 23rd Battalion in March 1915 and left Australia, in May, on board the *Euripides*. He arrived at Gallipoli in late August 1915. His stay at Gallipoli was brief as he was evacuated with gastric illness in September 1915. He was in and out of hospital in Egypt, until he left for England in August 1916. He arrived in France in October 1916 but became ill again, this time with stress related illness and was evacuated to England. Hain remained in England for the rest of the War, first being treated, and later, serving at the AIF depots in 1918. Here he commenced legal work, which included being appointed a temporary captain and deputy associate Judge Advocate General.

Meanwhile, Gladys had sailed to England in 1916, where she did volunteer war work and began writing for a living. The Hains had two daughters, one born in England in 1919 and the second born in Melbourne in 1921. Perhaps, because of his wife's presence in England, the Hains did not return to Australia until late in 1919. Reginald did not return to law full time on his return to Australia, and became increasingly unable to work. Gladys Hain became the social editor of the *Star* and later *The Argus*. She did not return to the legal profession until after her husband's death in 1947.



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Hain abroad the *Euripides* May 1915, third from left in the third row.