

Harold William HARPER

Harold Harper was born in Jolimont in 1886. He had attended Scotch College and completed his law degree at Melbourne University. He was admitted to practice on the same day as Franc Carse, in August 1909, who was also killed in France. Before the War, Harper worked as a solicitor at 47 Queen street, Melbourne.

Harold Harper enlisted, in March 1916, in the 21st Reinforcements of the 7th Battalion, later he became a member of the 21st Battalion. He left Australia in October 1916 aboard the *Nestor*. On arrival in England he was selected for officers training at Trinity College, Cambridge.

On the completion of officer training, and with a commission as a lieutenant, at the end of July 1917, he had rejoined the 21st Battalion in France.

Harold Harper was killed in the trenches at Broodseinde Ridge when a shell landed on him on 4 October 1917. The Australian trenches were subject to heavy German artillery fire that left many Australian wounded and dead during this battle.

Harold Harper's father, Mr William Harper, gave £1000 to Ormond College to establish a scholarship for Scotch College boys, in honour of his son.



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