

Reginald Howarth HAYES

Reginald Hayes was born in 1887; his father was Robert Hayes, a barrister and later Kings Counsel. Reginald Hayes completed his degree at Melbourne University in 1910 and was admitted to practice in 1912.

He enlisted for active service in September 1914 in Sydney, New South Wales, and joined the 6th Light Horse as a trooper. The 6th Light Horse left Sydney in late 1914 aboard the HMAT *Suevic*, and after training in Egypt, was sent to Gallipoli in May 1915. Hayes was promoted from trooper to lance corporal and then to sergeant during his time at Gallipoli. He survived various battles including being wounded in the leg in late May 1915. In early October 1915, his dug out was shelled and he was buried under dirt and debris, and rendered unconscious for nearly 9 hours. He was sent to Malta to recover, but developed 'shell shock' with all the symptoms of distress of this disorder. Reginald Hayes was declared medically unfit in December 1915 and returned to Australia where he was discharged from the Army in early 1916.

He returned to legal practice as a barrister and appeared as his father's junior in equity cases, although he also worked on criminal cases. Reginald Hayes was killed in January 1924 when he was thrown from a horse.



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