

## Lindley Holmes HENNESSY

Lindley Hennessy was born in 1891 in the suburb of Brunswick. He completed his law studies and was admitted to practice in May 1914. He commenced work at the Bar and on his enlistment papers he had as his address Selborne Chambers, Chancery lane. He was the nephew of Sir David Hennessy, who at the time of Lindley's enlistment in May 1916, was the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, and this was significant enough to be reported in the *Brunswick & Coburg Leader*.

Hennessy enlisted with the 6<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery and left Melbourne aboard the *Ulysses* in October 1916 arriving in England in late December 1916. After further training in England in 1917, Hennessy left for France in May 1917 with the rank of gunner.

In October 1917, he was gassed at Passchendaele when the valleys behind the lines were drenched with mustard gas.

Afterwards, he was attached to various Base depots in France and, in July 1918, 4<sup>th</sup> Division Headquarters. He stayed in France after the Armistice and did not return to Australia until September 1919. While he may have returned briefly to the Bar, he eventually became a partner in Nigan, Hennessy & Co located at Greville street, Prahran. He died in 1976.



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An Australian forward Artillery Observation Post, in the Crater on Broodseinde Ridge, in the Ypres sector, in Belgium. The position was shelled and machine gunned each day and gassed at night. Just after the photograph was taken, the officer observer and his sergeant were wounded by a shell. Photo taken 17 October 1917.