

Gerald George HOGAN

Born in 1886 at Beechworth, Gerald Hogan attended St Patrick's College in East Melbourne and completed his legal studies at Melbourne University. He was admitted to practice in 1910 and commenced work at George and Hogan, solicitors at Camperdown.

Hogan enlisted in March 1915 and was commissioned as an officer (2nd lieutenant). He departed for Egypt in April 1915, aboard the *Kyarra*, as a member of the 3rd Field Artillery, and was sent to Gallipoli in September 1915. After the withdrawal from Gallipoli he was promoted to a full lieutenant. From the Middle East, he arrived in France in May 1916. He was promoted to captain in January 1917 and transferred from the 3rd to the 1st Field Artillery. Hogan would have been present at many of the major engagements of the Australian Army during this period and his Military Cross citation reads, in part, *"He has served continuously ...in various capacities ...he acted as commanding officer...[his] devotion to duty has been exemplary...under his Command the Battery rapidly re-established itself as an efficient fighting unit"*. He was made a major and was also mentioned in despatches.

In 1918, in England, he married Stella Davis, a nurse with the Australian Nursing Service. Hogan returned to Australia in June 1919 and, for a short period, returned to practice at Camperdown.

By 1920, he was a judicial officer in Darwin (Magistrate, Public Trustee, Registrar of Probates). In 1922, he accepted a position as the Crown Law Officer for Papua New Guinea. He served in this role, as well as being active in many other aspects of New Guinea life, until he became a Prisoner of War under the Japanese during the Second World War. He is believed to have died when the *Montevideo Maru* was accidentally sunk by the US navy as the Japanese were moving the POWs to Japan in 1942.



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Major Hogan is the central figure in the front row. Taken in January 1919. Group portrait of the Commanding Officer and officers of the 2nd Australian Field Brigade.