

William Sherwood HOUGHTON

William Houghton was born at the Stirling Hotel, Haunted Stream, in East Gippsland in January 1890. At the time of his enlistment in July 1915, the family had moved to Bairnsdale.

When he enlisted, Houghton had only recently completed his law degree at Melbourne University. He received his commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the 29th Battalion. He left Melbourne in April 1916, aboard the *Euripides*, going first to Egypt then onto France. He arrived to join the 29th Battalion just after the battle of Fromelles in July 1916. Houghton appears to have remained with the 29th Battalion during 1916 and 1917, but he missed a number of major battles due to illness. He was promoted to lieutenant at the end of 1916.

In early 1918 he was transferred to 1st ANZAC Headquarters as part of the Court Martial Service. He remained with the Court Martial Service until October 1918, when he transferred to the 32nd Battalion.

Following the Armistice, he returned to England and completed a three month bookkeeping course as well as marrying Doris Agneta Thackray in October 1919. He did not return to Australia until early 1920, meanwhile he had been admitted to practice, in absentia, in December 1919.

Following his return to Australia, he worked as a solicitor, initially on his own and later as a partner in Mills and Oakley in Queen street, Melbourne. He died in March 1952.

