

Harold Christopher LUTH

Harold Luth was born in Charlton, Victoria, in 1889. He was educated at Melbourne University (Ormond College) and was admitted to practice in 1915.

He enlisted in February 1916 and embarked for France in March 1917, attached to the First Artillery Divisional Artillery Column (1st D.A.C.) as a driver. In July he was wounded in the shoulder in the early phases of the Ypres Campaign (Third Battle of Ypres).

Whilst recuperating in Buchy he was docked five days pay for the crime of "being in a house which is out of bounds". He returned to his unit in October 1917 but a month later was hospitalised again with an 'incised wound to the head'.

Again, he rejoined his unit and remained with them until the end of the war. In 1919, he was still in England and on active service.

He was granted leave to attend the London School of Economics and eventually returned to Australia in early 1920.

Luth returned to Charlton, married and established a practice as a solicitor. He was a keen golfer and active in the Royal Automobile Club of Australia. In 1927, he was part of an investigative mission to the United States and Canada to study buildings, laws and other aspects of those societies where it was "*his appointed duty to ascertain what lessons should be assimilated and what left alone.*"

Luth moved to Melbourne and continued to practice. Later in his life he was very active in the "Noise Abatement Society" which he formed in 1961 to "*try and obtain some concerted action against the proliferating decibels*". He died in 1982 aged 92.



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Members of the Australian 1st Divisional Ammunition Column, with pack animals, collecting ammunition for transport to the artillery in position near Birr Cross Roads at Ypres in 1917.