

John George MACDONALD

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The inclusion of John George Macdonald on the board is a bit of a mystery as there are no records of him having enlisted for service in the First World War. He may have enlisted in Britain but there is no reference to his war service other than the Boer War.

What we do know is that John George Macdonald was born in Nairn, Scotland, in 1875. His father was a Presbyterian Minister who brought his family out to Australia in the 1880's to become a professor at Ormond College, Melbourne University. John Macdonald was educated at Scotch, and then Ormond, obtaining his law degree in 1899.

Macdonald set off for the Boer War in 1900, although we know little of his service as the Boer War records have not been searched. Upon his return he was admitted to practice in 1905 and commenced practice as a solicitor in Alexandra with the firm of Akehurst, Blackburn and Macdonald. He took an active interest in Freemasonry. Towards the end of the War, he moved his practice to Yea, where he continued to practice law until his death in 1944.

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A French villager enjoying a cigarette with members of 1st Australian Tunnelling Company, France. October 1918