

Hugh Campbell Gemmell MACINDOE

Hugh Campbell Gemmell Macindoe was born in Scotland in 1883. His family migrated to Melbourne in 1889. At 13 years old he began his employment as a clerk in the solicitors offices of Frank Grey-Smith.

In 1902 he went to South Africa and worked in the Civil Service, rising to become a private prosecutor in Pretoria. In 1907 he went to London to study jurisprudence and in 1910 became a barrister at the Middle Temple. 1910 also saw him return to Australia, where he was admitted to the Victorian Bar.

Macindoe enlisted in January 1915 and was a 2nd lieutenant by the time he arrived at Anzac Cove in August 1915. He was troubled by ulcers and dyspepsia and was admitted to hospital in November of 1915.

He did not rejoin his unit and was invalided back to Australia in March 1916, and married Nancie Grey-Smith (daughter of his first employer) in September of that year.

Macindoe was active in what would become the RSL and investigated complaints of returned soldiers as part of the 2nd conscription referendum. He was appointed Senior Crown Prosecutor in 1919. In 1926 he was appointed a judge of the County Court. In 1936 he chaired the royal commission that led to the resignation in disgrace of the Chief Commissioner of Police Sir Thomas Blamey.

He died after a long illness in 1947. He was survived by his wife and two sons and two daughters.



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