

Leo Carden MEAGHER

Leo Carden Meagher was born in 1889 and was the son of John S Meagher, a barrister.

He attended Xavier, where he was the vice-captain and the “Argus Prizeman” of 1905. After completing his law degree at Melbourne University, he was admitted to practice in 1913. He was at Selborne Chambers with his father and 26 years old when he enlisted in late 1915.

Meagher embarked just two weeks after enlistment and proceeded to France to join the British Expeditionary Forces, where he was promoted to corporal in June 1916. In April of 1917, Meagher joined the Royal Artillery Cadet School in England, where he qualified for a commission and then, in September, joined the 6th Army Field Artillery Brigade as a lieutenant.

In the final Australian battle of the war, at Montbrehain on 8 October 1918, Meagher’s “great ability and determination” was recognised and he was awarded the Military Cross.

After returning to Australia in 1919, he married Rosa Lynne Wharton and they had one daughter. He did not return to Selborne Chambers but it appears he worked as counsel with his father in law, John Lynne Wharton, who was involved in various mining interests around the country. Leo Meagher died in 1955.



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View of the Church at Montbrehain. In the general attack on 5 October, the village, full of machine guns, was stormed and captured by the 21st and 24th Battalions. Montbrehain marked the final achievement of the Australian Infantry in the war.