

John Joseph MURPHY

John Joseph Murphy was born in Kyneton in 1873. Educated at Xavier College, Kew. He matriculated in 1891 and was captain of the school football team. He served articles with Ford & Aspinall of Melbourne, remaining there for five years and completed the articled clerks' course. He commenced practice as a barrister and solicitor in Kyneton.

Murphy enlisted on 1 August 1916 at Brunswick. He embarked upon HMAT *Shropshire* on 25 September 1916 and joined the 21st Battalion in January 1917. He developed "trench foot" and was evacuated to England in February.

Murphy remained in England at AIF headquarters. He was promoted to corporal on 12 September 1917 and sergeant on 26 February 1918. He remained with the AIF based in London until January 1920, acting in a legal capacity.

He practiced as John J Murphy, Solicitor, in Mollison street, Kyneton after the War, and then purchased a practice in Port Fairy. He was a solicitor to the Port Fairy Borough and was a returning officer of the state electorate. In 1926, he sold his practice. He was active with the Port Fairy Returned Soldiers' League and with various local sporting clubs. He died on 5 May 1930, aged 57, leaving behind a widow and a daughter.



Australian ambulance men carrying soldiers suffering from Trench Feet to a transport, which will take them to hospital.