

Robert Leontine Scott MURPHY

Robert Leontine Scott Murphy was born 18 June 1878, the son of a sub inspector of Police at Bendigo. He completed the articled clerks course at Melbourne University in 1900. He was the adjutant of the Bendigo Senior Cadet Battalion.

Before the War he was a solicitor in Mansfield with the firm Davidson & Murphy. He enlisted on 17 August 1914 and embarked for the Dardanelles aboard HMAT *Hororata* on 19 October 1914. He was a corporal of the 6th Battalion. Murphy took part in the Anzac landing on 25 April 1915, in the second wave, where he was wounded in the leg in May 1915. Murphy was promoted to company quarter master sergeant on 28 April 1915 and later made second lieutenant. In October 1915 he was admitted to hospital with something "not yet diagnosed" but "severe". He did not see fighting again until June 1916 in France and was shot in the arm in July 1916 at Pozieres. He joined the 60th Battalion in March 1917 which was defending gains on the Hindenburg Line. In July 1917 he attended bombing school and qualified as a bombing instructor in July 1917.

He sought dispensation to return to Australia and put his affairs in order. This was granted and he returned to Australia in April 1918. He returned then to his practice as a solicitor in Mansfield. He died on 14 June 1959 aged 81. He was the father of Flight Officer Edward Scott Murphy DFC, who died in action in World War Two. Another son, Leo Murphy, practiced as a solicitor in Elgin street, Carlton for many years.

