

William Bastian PEARCE

William Pearce was born into an old Ballarat family in 1892. At the time of his enlistment in March 1915 he was completing his articles with Hodgson and Finlayson, located in Stalbridge Chambers at 443 Little Collins street.

William Pearce joined the 6th Field Ambulance as a private and left Melbourne aboard the *Ajana*, with many other Ballarat men, on 4 June 1915. He arrived at Gallipoli in August 1915, however Pearce soon became a patient himself and by October 1915 he found himself back in Egypt. Diagnosed with enteric fever, or typhoid, Pearce was sent back to Australia in early 1916.

He returned to civilian life as the associate to Justice Hodges of the Supreme Court, and he was admitted to practice on 2 October 1917.

Following the War, Pearce worked as a solicitor and was a partner in Alexander, Grant, Dickson and Pearce, who appeared to specialise in civil litigation, they were located in the St James Buildings in William street.

William Pearce died in early 1939.



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The hospital tent of the 6th Australian Field Ambulance on the Gallipoli Peninsula.