

## Robert Andrew RAMSAY



Robert Andrew Ramsay was born in 1869. He attended Scotch College and Melbourne University and was admitted to practice in 1897.

It is unclear exactly what his pre-war legal career entailed, but in September 1914 on Melbourne Club letterhead, he was writing offering himself and his automobile as part of the Australian Imperial Force. Ramsay was part of the Australian Automobile Corps, mainly made up of men of wealth and standing who drove their own automobiles at the beginning of the War.

Ramsay was gazetted a lieutenant by "special appointment" by Orders-in-Council and embarked with his car on the Orvieto with the first convoy on 22 October 1914. He served in Gallipoli and was promoted to captain. In September 1915 he suffered from influenza so severe he was

invalided first to Malta and then to England. Upon recovery, he served with 1<sup>st</sup> Division Headquarters in France where he suffered from *trench fever*. The Automobile Corps was disbanded by 1917 and Ramsay became a part of General Headquarters. Promoted to major in 1918 he was in command of the reinforcement's camp.

At the end of the War, he came home to Australia via America at his own expense. After the War he was a grazier in the Western District, he died in 1948.