

Kenneth Travers STEPHEN

The son of a solicitor, Kenneth Stephen was born in 1887 at St Kilda and attended Haileybury College and Melbourne University. After completing his degree, Stephen worked at Mallesons before purchasing a practice in Maffra and striking out on his own in 1912.

He sailed from Australia in November 1915 and joined the British Army with a commission in the Royal Horse Artillery, later joining the Royal Field Artillery as a 2nd lieutenant. During his time in France he was awarded a Military Cross (MC) for conspicuous gallantry, which was gazetted in early 1918.

He was made a captain in the Royal Field Artillery, in March 1918, but died of his wounds on 22 April 1918, at Aubigny in France.

Kenneth Stephen's name is recorded on the memorial board, but is not noted as 'in memoriam'. We believe this may be because, whilst his name was entered onto the board as part of the original listing of legal practitioners serving, his death occurred after the board's creation, and in the latter stages of the War.

