

## Thomas Harvey TEMPLETON

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Thomas Harvey Templeton was born in Fitzroy, on 30 January 1877. He was educated at Wesley College and enrolled at the University of Melbourne in 1904. He completed his articled clerks course and was admitted to practice in 1907.

Templeton was active in the local Military Forces as 2nd lieutenant, then lieutenant in the 7th Australian Light Horse Regiment (ALHR). He attained the rank of captain of the 15th Yea Light Horse in 1914.

Templeton married Miss Ruby Rees in November 1912 and resided in Yea, where he practiced as a solicitor. He was very active in Yea's sporting and social clubs as well as its many community activities.

He was 39 years of age when he enlisted on 25th September 1916. He joined the 14th Battalion (23rd Reinforcements) as a Lieutenant. He embarked for England on A7 *Medic* on 16th December 1916, arriving in Plymouth 18th February 1917. After spending several months in English training camps, he

marched out to France and Belgium on 16th June 1917.

After spending two months with the 2nd Army Musketry School, Templeton rejoined the 14th Battalion in late August 1917, only to be killed in action on the field, at the battle of Polygon Wood, Belgium, on 27th September 1917. He died of wounds to the body inflicted by a piece of shell, and was buried at Polygon Wood near Ypres. Templeton's war service is commemorated at Ypres, at the Menin Gate Memorial, as well as by a memorial brass cross in St Luke's Church in Yea.