

## Esmond TURNER

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Born in 1887, Esmond Turner had undertaken his articles with his father's firm at Euroa. He was admitted to practice in 1912.

Turner enlisted in March 1916, originally in the 37<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He transferred to the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion upon arriving in France later in 1916.

There are no entries in Turner's war record for 1917. In 1918, he spent a lot of time in hospital with various ailments, including gallstones, which were operated on in May 1918. Otherwise, during his time with the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion he would have seen action in 1918 against the German Spring Offensive. In August 1918, during the 100 Days Offensive, he was severely injured with a gunshot wound to the right ear and seems to have seen out the rest of the war either in hospital or convalescing in the UK.

Returning to Australia in early 1919, he was greeted at the Euroa Railway station by an official party including the Town Band.

By April 1919, he was back in the Police Court representing men who had been accused of wilful damage. He continued in practice at Euroa and Violet Town and died in 1953.



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Group portrait of 37<sup>th</sup> Battalion taken at Seymour in April 1916, Esmond Turner is probably one of these men.