

Lindsay TURNER

Lindsay Turner was born on 22 April 1887. He spent his early life in Bairnsdale and attended St Andrews College, Bairnsdale. He was admitted to practice on 1 May 1916, on the same day as John Leo Gavan Duffy who also served during World War One.

Lindsay Turner enlisted at the Town Hall on the same day as he was admitted and appears to have received officer training throughout the rest of 1916 in Australia. By March 1917 he had received his commission as an officer in the 53rd Field Artillery Battery (5th Division Artillery) and departed for England at the end of 1917. His diaries, which are held by the Australian War Memorial, give a vivid description of the voyage to Europe via Egypt on the troop ship *Port Sydney*.

Turner recorded details of his training and stay in England including visits to London where he had afternoon tea. Turner's diaries reveal that he is less than impressed with France and compares it unfavourably to Australia. Turner was present at many of the main battles during 1918, including Mont St Quentin. He writes of the mud and the cold and the lack of sleep, but concludes "the guns shot wonderfully well".

Turner was severely injured on 24 October 1918 in some of the final battles of the War. The injury was severe, to his face and jaw, and he received treatment in England before his return to Australia in 1919. He married shortly after his return and continued practicing as a solicitor first in Collins street and later as Shaw and Turner at 94 Queen street Melbourne. He died in 1964.



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