

Arthur James WATERS

Arthur James Waters was born in 1889 and attended Scotch College and Trinity Grammar, where he was a prefect and captained the football and cricket sides. He attended Ormond College and attained a law degree at Melbourne University. He was admitted to practice in 1914, when Mr Hayden Starke (later Sir Hayden Starke of the High Court) moved his admission. He worked at his father's firm, E Waters & Son Patent Attorney, in Collins Street and married in August 1915.

He enlisted in 1915 and, in March 1916, embarked on board the HMAT *Wiltshire*. Upon arrival in Egypt in April, he was attached to the postal corps at the 2nd ANZAC Army Corps HQ.

The HQ relocated to France soon after and, in November of that year, he was appointed lieutenant and undertook the duties of Deputy Assistant Director of the Australian Postal Service. He was mentioned in despatches in April 1917.

In June of 1918, Arthur Waters was attached to the 7th Battalion, who were attacking the Hindenburg Line. He was blown up and buried by shell fire in July and, in August, was at battles at Lihons and Chaulnes, where he was gassed twice.

Waters survived the war and returned to Australia in 1919. He resumed his work at E Waters & Son and had one son. He remained active with the Old Scotch Collegians, particularly in cricket and football, and died of pneumonia in 1937, aged 48.

