

## Alexander Llewellyn WETTENHALL

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Alexander Wettenhall was born in 1878 to Holford Wettenhall and Mary Burgess. The Wettenhalls were a politically active clan and very prolific and influential sheep graziers. One of seven sons, Alexander was educated at the Geelong College, where he was dux of his class, and went on to Melbourne University where he attained his law degree.

A keen sportsman, he played football, tennis and rowed, but he had a particular love of golf that would last all of his life. He married Doris Tucker in 1906 and had three children.

In 1901, he commenced practicing as a solicitor, forming a partnership with Basil J Parkinson that would last 50 years. The two men appointed as their first articled clerk (Sir) John Latham, who went on to become the Chief Justice of Australia.

Wettenhall was 39 when he enlisted for active service, in March 1917, and sailed aboard the *Indarra* in November of that year with the 32<sup>nd</sup> reinforcements of the Field Artillery Brigade.

He saw action in mid 1918 with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Divisional Ammunition Column at the offensive on the Hindenburg Line. He returned to Australia in 1919. He returned to Parkinson & Wettenhall as a solicitor in Melbourne and, in addition, stood as the returned soldiers candidate in the Malvern City Council in 1922. He served as Councillor until 1926. He was active as a solicitor from his Collins Street office into the 1940's. In 1943, he lost his son, Llewellyn, during the Second World War, in an air force battle. Alexander Wettenhall died in 1960 aged 82.



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Royal Artillery ammunition column passing an Australian 9.2 inch howitzer battery. IWM (Q 6240).