

## H E WILLIAMS

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### *DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS STORY?*

Despite the best research endeavours we were unable to confidently identify H E Williams.

One candidate would be Hartley Eyre Williams, a son of Justice Sir Hartley Williams of the Supreme Court. He was born in 1871, was admitted to practice in 1894 and was 43 years of age in 1914 but we have been unable to identify any National Australian Archives service records under his name. Hartley Eyre Williams may have enlisted with the British Army, but we have not located any mention of a Hartley Williams serving with the British Army.

An alternative candidate for H E Williams would be Hylton Ernest Williams. He presented for enlistment on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in September 1916, with a note from his father Brigadier Robert Williams giving him permission to do so. Hylton Williams did not enter camp until March 1917 and served with the Field Artillery Brigade. At the time of his enlistment, he was undertaking studies at Melbourne University. He completed his degree on his return from active service in France and was admitted to practice in 1922. Men 'missing' from the board were usually admitted in the early 1920s, so it is difficult to reconcile Hylton Williams' inclusion, when many others are not on the memorial board.

If you know anything more about either of the H E Williams, please contact us.

### *UNDER CONSTRUCTION*



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A French villager enjoying a cigarette with members of 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Tunnelling Company, October 1918, France.