

Arthur Dennistoun WOOD

Arthur Dennistoun Wood was born in London in 1889. His father, John Dennistoun Wood, was a barrister, politician, poet and something of a radical.

Little is known of Arthur's schooling. He was 27 years old when he enlisted in October 1916 and listed his occupation as a solicitor at that time. He married Lowiny Sylvia Downie in Tasmania in December 1916. He embarked on 11 May 1917 aboard the HMAT *Shropshire* and upon disembarking, in July, went straight to hospital with influenza.

He spent some months in England on active duty as a driver at Larkhill, where he took advantage of his position and was penalised three days full pay for being outside the limits fixed by AIF orders.

He was shipped to France in April 1918. He performed his duties at Rouelles and Rouen at the Australian Base Depots situated there.

In 1919, whilst still on active service, he attended the Council of Legal Education at Lincolns Inn.

He returned to Melbourne, later in 1919, and he resumed his career as a solicitor, being principal in the firm R L Cross & Wood, from an office in Little Collins street.

He lived in Essendon for a while before settling in Malvern. He died in 1955 aged 79.

