

## Gerald Ross Campbell

Gerald Campbell was the son of Alex Campbell MLC. He commanded the New South Wales Scottish Rifles militia battalion before the war. In 1914 he was appointed to the state committee for the selection of officers for the Australian Imperial Force (AIF). He enlisted in AIF for the first time on 18 August 1915, and sailed as colonel, O.C. troopship *Shropshire* on 20 August 1915 returned 29 November 1915. He Re-enlisted on 17 August 1916 sailed twice more as O.C. of a troopship, finally returning 8 March 1917.

He retired as brigadier-general of the Australian Military Force, 1 July, 1920.

Gerald was admitted to the New South Wales Bar on 11 October 1882. He had a successful career in the law, combining his professional and political activities with being a grazier in Moss Vale. He was honorary secretary of the Australian National Defence League in 1905. He was a long term associate of Prime Minister William Morris Hughes, New South Wales Premier Holman, Official Historian Charles Bean and many other prominent men through this association. He was a councillor of the New South Wales branch of the King and Empire Alliance, one of a number of right-wing associations which sprung up in the 1920s.

A Biography of Campbell is available on the website of the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*.

Further information: Campbell's military record on file at the National Archives of Australia and, Moore, A *The Secret Army and The Premier*. New South Wales University Press, 1989.