

Henry Thomas Eulert (HTE) Holt

Henry Thomas Eulert (HTE) Holt was educated in England and articled to Stephen Jaques and Stephen in 1913. At the outbreak of war he travelled to England. In May 1915 he joined the Royal Field Artillery as a commissioned officer as part of a scheme conducted by ex-international cricketer, 'Plum' Warner. Warner interviewed young Australians in London and on that basis allowed them direct entry into the artillery.

Other lawyers to benefit from the is rapid entry into the conflict was, Adrian Consett Stephen, the son of a leading solicitor. After gunnery training he was sent to Cape Helles on Gallipoli to serve with the 29th Division.

Shortly after landing Holt was wounded by an artillery shell and was evacuated to Alexandria for rehabilitation. On recovery he served in the Sinai and Gaza areas until forced into hospital through illness. He was repatriated to England and, after training as a battery commander, served with the 35th Division in Flanders.

He returned to Australia on the ship *Bremen* and continued his studies at the University of Sydney. He was called to New South Wales Bar in 1925, practising mainly in equity and some common law. He was a member of Bar Council and on 1 August 1939 was appointed a judge of the District Court and chairman of Quarter Sessions. He attempted to re-enlist in the armed forces at the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939 but after briefly training at Warwick Farm and Great as a captain in the CMF, was persuaded to resume his judicial duties and assisted with intelligence work. He retired in 1965 and was created a CBE afterwards.

In 1976 he published *A Court Rises* and also contributed 10 articles on lawyers to the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*.