

## Rex Chambers

Rex Chambers interrupted his university studies to enlist on 5 October 1917, claiming he was 18 years of age, having raised his age by a year with his parents' permission to do so. He was a sapper with the 9th Field Company Engineers and embarked at Sydney on *Runic*, 22 March 1918. He was hospitalised with influenza then proceeded to France on 4 October 1918. He later served at the Australian General Base Depot at Le Havre before returning to Southampton.

He was granted early embarkation and returned to Australia 25 March 1919.

He was admitted to the New South Wales Bar 14 May 1925 and practised out of Chancery Chambers, mainly in common law. He was Challis lecturer in legal interpretation from 1926 to 1935 at the University of Sydney. He was a member of Bar Council in the 1940s and 1950s and was vice-president in 1956-57. He was made a queen's counsel in 1953.

Chambers reenlisted in the Australian Army on 28 May 1940 as a private soldier and, after a variety of postings, was, by March 1941, a captain in the Australian Army Legal Corps. He served in the Middle East and was mentioned in despatches. He was discharged with the rank of lieutenant colonel on the staff of the deputy judge advocate general in 1945

Chambers was appointed a QC in 1953 and a judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales 3 April 1958 until 31 December 1963.