

Arthur Gordon Hill

Arthur Hill was a jackaroo prior to the war, intending to go on the land. He enlisted, aged 21 years in the reinforcements for the 4th Battalion, at Liverpool Camp, 4 October 1914, listing his occupation as 'bushman.' He was promoted to sergeant on 1 January 1915. He embarked on *Seang Bee* 11 February 1915. He served on Gallipoli from 1 May until he was badly wounded in the knee during a major Turkish attack on 19 May. He was evacuated to hospitals in Malta where gangrene set in and his leg was amputated. He spent months in recovery and learning to use his artificial leg. He returned to Sydney 4 May 1916. He lived with the constant pain from the wound for the rest of his life.

Hill studied law on his return home, graduating in 1923. He was admitted to the NSW Bar 5 September 1923 and slowly established himself in common law. He overcame his war wounds and became an active sportsman. He was appointed a District Court judge on 3 October 1938 and Metropolitan Court judge in April 1939. 'On the bench he was considered to be very conscientious and thorough, quick and clear in his judgments, and always perceptive and kind,' according to fellow judge HTE Holt. Hill became a worker in the National Emergency Service in the Second World War but died prematurely as a result of his war related illness at age 46 in 1942.

Further information: Holt, H T E *A Court Rises: the Lives and Times of the Judges of the District Court of New South Wales (1859-1959)* North Sydney, Law Foundation of New South Wales, 1976.