

Edgley, Harold Day

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Engineering: Lieutenant, 5th Pioneer Bn.A.I.F. France and England. Enlisting 30th July, 1915, and sailing in March, 1916, as second lieutenant 15th Reinforcements 2nd Bn., joined Pioneers on formation in Egypt. Crossing to France in June, fought at Armentieres and Somme till June, 1917. Appointed Instructor (Anti-Gas and Machine Gun) Officers School, Salisbury, in August. Rejoining Bn. near Messines in December, served at Somme, Villers-Bretonneux and elsewhere until demobilisation. Promoted lieutenant, July, 1916. Member of S.U. Scouts. Early education at Sydney Grammar and All Saints' College, Bathurst. Later at St. Andrew's.

Sydney University, Book of Remembrance.

Description of	HAROLD DAY EDGLEY	
Age	31 years	1 months
Height	5 feet	9 inches
Weight	154	lbs.
Chest Measurement	35 — 39	inches
Complexion	Fair	
Eyes	Good	Hazel
Hair	Brown	
Religious Denomination	C of E	

Surname } ...	EDGLEY	
Other names (in full)	... } ...	HAROLD DAY	
Educational Qualifications <small>(Certificate to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	...	Senior Public Examination	
Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) <small>(Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 16. Present rank and corps to be stated.)</small>	...	1905-6 2 nd Sydney University Scouts	
Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132)	Nov 6. 1915	
Present Civil Employment	...	Architect	
Date of Birth and Age ... <small>(Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	Date of Birth	15 th July 1884	
	Age	31 Years 6 Months	
If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... <small>(In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.)</small>	...	British Subject.	
Married or Single	Single	
Postal Address	"Canargroo" Military Road Neutral Bay	
Next of Kin	(Father) Louis Edgley, Bathurst, N.S.	
12 th Jan 1916	(Signature of Applicant)	H. D. Edgley	
EDGLEY	HAROLD DAY		Lieut.

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 C. of A. GAZETTE,
 No. 155 of 9/12/15

Embarked at Sydney per A15 "Star of England" on 8/3/16.

3.5.16. TOS. 5th Pnrs. from 4th Bn. States. HO. Lt. 5th Pnrs. K

6/7/16 To be Lieut. France.

10/1/17. To Hosp Sick. (5th Pnr. BN) 'NN'

28/5/17 posted for duty with Pnr. Tng. Bn.

28/5/17 Seconded for duty with Pnr. Tng. Bn.

28/5/17 seconded for duty with Pnr. tng. bn.

23.1.17 Rej. Bn. ex Hosp.

Attended a Course of Instruction in "The Tactical Handling" from 31st Aug. to 14th. Sept. respectively and class. 1st-Class (Distinguished) (AIF Depots in UK.)

31.5.17. Marched into Pnr. Tng. Bn. Fovant from France. St. Edgeley
Att. a Course of Instr. at the S.C. Gas Sch. Perton. 23-30.6.17. a
Qual. as Instr. AIF. Depots in U.K. T'worth. 17.7.17. KP
23.1.18. Rej. 5th Pnr. Bn. from Pnr. Tng. Bn. States. Edgeley. H.D.
6.1.16. Proc. O.S. to France K

Lieut. H.D. EDGLEY (Harold Day) a student, in St. Andrew's College, at the University Engineering School in 1903-04, a member of the Scouts, a successful rifle shot.

He sailed for the War March 1916 as 2nd. Lieut. with Reinforcements to 2nd. Battalion (after eight months in Camp. He could not enlist earlier on account of having bought an Architects practice in the West, and he had to fulfil his contracts).

Arriving in Egypt he joined the 5th. Pioneers, and after being in the Desert a month left with the troops for Europe and was given his 2nd. Star in July 1916. He was on the Western front until August 1917 and then was instructor to an Officers School in Anti gas and Machine gun on Salisbury for six months. He returned to France January 1918 and was amongst the troops who after 30 hours march, arriving at 6A.M. went straight into action. Before starting, a rum ration, a cup of coffee, and two eggs were served.

Lieut. H.D. EDGLEY was 31 years and eight months when he sailed.

I have asked my son for particulars which I shall send you if I receive any. In regard to my eldest son Major J.M. EDGLEY. D.S.O. I wrote on the back of his photo the remarks he asked me to make. Since writing he has been in England as District President of Courts Martial for many months. He returned to France Feb: 1918, but owing to an injury to his knee he was again in England and was on furlough when writing in April from Tipperary.

HAROLD DAY EDGLEY

EDGLEY, Harold Day, left 1903, died November 14th, 1955.

Harold Edgley, a member of a well-known Bathurst family, was in the cricket and football teams while at school, being described as a "fair bat and a puzzling change bowler." Leaving school he entered Andrews as a resident student and studied Engineering. He did not, however, complete the course, and entered legal life in Sydney in association with another of the Edgley family, J. M., who was his contemporary at school. He was a lieutenant in the 5th Pioneer Battalion A.I.F.

Obituary Bathurstian 1956 P.64

Dear Sir

In response to your enquiry re "Capt L. tv. Edgley - Eng's".

Capt L tv Edgley who became O C A Coy 1st Bn, X
was not a student at any university.

One brother type John tv. Edgley (student 1901.2.3, served with 19th Bn & later with 46th Bn & was awarded the D.S.O. ✓ He is now John Edgley Solicitor 76 Pitt St.

Another brother - myself - Lieut H. D. Edgley (student Engineering 1904.5.6) served with 5th Pioneer Bn ✓ as your enquiry may have been meant to refer to me I have filled in the form

yours faithfully
H D Edgley

(Addressed to Registrar, University of Sydney from; 78 Wycombe Rd. Neutral Bay 20/2/1935.)

The University of Sydney
WAR SERVICE RECORD

SURNAME EDGLEY (Block Letters) Other Names Harold Day (Clearly Written)
Rank Lieutenant Unit 5th Pioneer Bn.
Date and Place of Enlistment 30 July 1915 Victoria Barracks
Date of Embarkation and Name of Transport March 1916 "Star of England"
Date of Return to Australia and Name of Transport June 1919 "Derahna"
Place, date and nature of Casualty (if any)

Decorations (if any)

Full details and remarks as to service:—

Sailed with 15th Reinforcement of 2nd Bn
Drafted to 5th Pioneer Bn - being formed
in Egypt; with B Coy 5 Pioneers to France in
June 1916, to Arrmentieres region - about
Sept 1916 to Somme.

June 1917 to Dec 1917 with Pioneer Training Bn
in England.

Dec 1917 rejoined Bn near Messines &
April 1918 to Somme near Villers Bretonneux
left France "14th Quota" March 1919
left England 8 May 1919.

School or Schools attended before entrance to University:

all saints College Bathurst
Sydney Grammar School

Period of attendance at University: 1904-5-6

Signature

H Edgley

78 Wycombe Road
Neutral Bay