

## Former School Students WWI Database

### Abbott

### Arthur Valentine Rutherford

**Student Number** 3860  
**Date of Birth** 14 Feb 1892  
**Birth Place** Broken Hill, New South Wales, Australia  
**Birth Registration** 08242/1892  
**Parents** Arthur Frank Abbott and Alexandra Mary Rutherford  
**School(s) Attended** Melbourne Grammar School

### General Notes



Valentine was a law clerk residing on St Georges Terrace Perth Western Australia, when he enlisted for war service.

He served on the Western Front, during World War One.

On 21 Feb 1918 at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marylebone London, he married Daphne Mary Marmion. She was from Paddington, whilst Arthur was residing at the Yatesbury Camp, Yatesbury. The couple had one son, but they were divorced in November 1929.

On 28 Mar 1934, he married Olive Judith Abbott at the District Registry Office in Perth. She was the daughter of Arthur Augustus Abbott and Lillah Minnie Carlyle. There were two children to Valentine's second marriage.

He qualified with a Bachelor of Law (LL B) in 1920, and he practiced law with the firm of Abbott and Abbott in Perth until 1952.

In World War II, he volunteered for the Reserve active list and served as a Squadron Leader and as an administration officer from 1939 to 1943.

Valentine was elected to the Western Australian Parliament in March 1939. He was a National and later a Liberal representative. He was the State Attorney General from 1950 to 1953. He retired in 1956.

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<b>Conflict</b>	World War I World War II
<b>Service Number</b>	32561 (WWI)
<b>Enlistment Date</b>	26 May 1916 (WWI) 1 Oct 1935 (WWII)
<b>Embarkation Date</b>	14 Feb 1917 (WWI)
<b>Embarkation Ship</b>	RMS Osterley (WWI)
<b>Return to Australia/Discharge</b>	29 Dec 1919 (WWI) 24 Sep 1945 (WWII)
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant (WWI) Squadron Leader (WWII)
<b>Unit Served</b>	Australian Flying Corps (WWI) 10th Field Artillery Brigade (WWI) Reserve (WWII)
<b>Decorations</b>	British War Medal Victory Medal
<b>Date of Death</b>	10 Oct 1975

**Death Place** Perth, Western Australia, Australia

**Death Registration** --

**Cemetery** Karrakatta Cemetery

**Sources**

National Archives of Australia:

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3016961>

Australian War Memorial: <https://www.awm.gov.au/people/rolls/R1776591/>

AIF Project: <https://aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=247>

RSL Virtual War Memorial: <https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/305858>

War Services Old Melburnians 1914 - 1918, pages 49, 225 & 273

Liber Melburniensis 1858 - 1914, page 230

Parliament WA Biography of Members:

[http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/parliament/library/MPHistoricalData.nsf/\(Lookup\)/9F3465B93D8153E7482577E50028A4F6?OpenDocument](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/parliament/library/MPHistoricalData.nsf/(Lookup)/9F3465B93D8153E7482577E50028A4F6?OpenDocument)

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