

Charles Lydiard Aubrey Abbott



Date of Birth: 4 May 1886

Place of Birth: North Sydney, NSW

Parents: Thomas Kingsmill Abbott (Chief Stipendiary Magistrate of Sydney) and Marion (aka May) (née Lydiard)

Education: The King's School, Parramatta, NSW

Spouse: Married Hilda Gertrude (née Harnett) 24 October 1916, 2 daughters

Military Service: Enlisted Australian Imperial Force 1914
Private, Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Force 1914.
Served in German New Guinea.
Transferred to 12th Australian Light Horse Regiment
Service at Gallipoli (as Corporal then commissioned)
Sinai (wounded-in-action), Palestine, Syria
Demobilised 1918 with rank of Captain

Employment History: Ran away from school to be a jackeroo near Gunnedah 1895
Stockman at Mitchell and Roma Queensland
Cane-cutter at Pleystowe Mill near Mackay Queensland
Mounted Constable NSW Police Force
Confidential Clerk Police HQ Brisbane 1908-1914
Pastoralist, established and managed "Echo Hills"
near Tamworth NSW 1919-37
Member for Gwydir, NSW House of Representatives 1925-1929
and from 1931-1937
Minister for Home & Territories 1925-1928
Minister for Home Affairs, 1928-1929
Appointed Administrator of the Northern Territory
29 March 1937 and Commissioner of Police.
Dismissed by ordinary letter. Left Darwin 26 May 1946

Subsequent Career: Settled on "Murrulla", Wingen, NSW
Died 30 April 1975 Darling Point

Honours and Awards: 1914-1915 Star
British War Medal, 1914-1918
Victory Medal 1914-1919
King George V Jubilee Medal 1935
King George VI Coronation Medal 1937

Memorials Abbott Crescent Darwin
Australia's Frontier Province 1950