



## **Pte. Harold Bayard Piper**



**Played with Adelaide University**



**Football Club B Grade (1914, 1915), A Grade (1915)**

**Degree – LLB (1914)**

## **Background**

***Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.***

***On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.***

***The following documentation relates to the life of Harold Bayard Piper. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.***

## The AIF Project

<https://aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=241920>



### Harold Bayard PIPER

Regimental number	7733
Place of birth	Walkerville South Australia
Religion	Congregational
Occupation	Law clerk
Address	Wattle Street, Fullerton, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	21
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs E E Piper, Wattle Street, Fullerton, South Australia
Enlistment date	4 June 1915
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	21 June 1915
Rank on enlistment	Driver
Unit name	Divisional Train Reinforcements 12
AWM Embarkation Roll number	25/14/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT RMS <i>Orontes</i> on 24 November 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	14th Field Artillery Brigade
Fate	Returned to Australia 25 February 1919

### RSL Virtual War Memorial

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/343637>

#### PIPER, Harold Bayard

Service Number:	7733
Enlisted:	Not yet discovered
Last Rank:	Gunner
Last Unit:	1st Divisional Train
Occupation:	Solicitor
Memorials:	Adelaide HB26 - Supreme Court***, University of Adelaide WW1 Honour Roll Mitchell Bldg*, Unley HB01 Town Hall*

#### World War 1 Service

24 Nov 1915:	Involvement Driver, SN 7733, 1st Divisional Train
24 Nov 1915:	Embarked Driver, SN 7733, 1st Divisional Train, RMS <i>Orontes</i> , Melbourne
11 Nov 1918:	Involvement Gunner, SN 7733

# Service Record

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*John R. McGregor*

**Divisional Train**  
**AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES**  
**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE**

B 1761 Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 7433 Name PIPER Harold Bayard  
Unit 4th Coy A.S.C. New Zealand  
Joined on 21st June 15 14<sup>th</sup> F.A.P. 15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? **PAY BOOK NO.** Harold Bayard Piper  
93585

2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? near the Town of MacKenzie  
in the County of Str. Aust.

3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) MB

4. What is your age? 21 1/2

5. What is your trade or calling? Articled - Law - Clerk

6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? 5 1/2 years "Art Piper" to C.

7. Are you married? No

8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) (Mother) Mrs. Edwin Elizabeth Piper  
Wattle Street  
Fullarton S.A.

9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No

10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? No

11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge 3 yrs College Cadets (Vol)  
1 yr 3 mos Cadets Trans to  
the 4th Coy Forest 10th A.S.C. AMC.  
then serving.

12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes

13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No

14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? Yes

15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? Yes

Harold Bayard Piper do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 14-6-15 H.B.Piper  
Signature of person enlisted.

\* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.  
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

D.27/1.15.—C.562.

## Published Biography

### Australian Dictionary of Biography

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/piper-harold-bayard-11430>  
[adb.anu.edu.au](http://adb.anu.edu.au)

Biography - Harold Bayard Piper  
by P. A. Selth

Harold Bayard Piper (1894-1953), judge and company director, was born on 26 April 1894 at Walkerville, Adelaide, third of eight children of Arthur William Piper, an English-born solicitor, and his wife Edner Elizabeth, née Counter, who was born in South Australia. Harold was educated at Prince Alfred College and at the University of Adelaide (LL.B., 1914) where he won a Stow prize. After completing his articles in his father's firm, Bakewell, Stow & Piper, he was admitted to the Supreme Court as a solicitor and barrister on 8 June 1915. Thirteen days later he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force. He served in Egypt and on the Western Front, and was discharged from the army on 4 June 1919, still with the rank of private.

Back in his father's firm, 'Bay' Piper developed a practice, mainly in commercial law. At the Flinders Street Baptist Church, Adelaide, on 7 June 1922 he married Dorothy Edna Smith. In 1922 he joined the Law Society of South Australia (councillor 1930, vice-president 1937-38) and in 1927 he became senior partner in Piper, Bakewell & Piper. A Freemason and a Congregationalist, he was sometime deacon at Stow Memorial Church. He kept his interest in cricket, football, tennis and golf, and became a keen gardener.

Piper chaired royal commissions into the holding of lotteries to raise funds for charitable institutions in 1936 and into changes to betting laws in 1937. On 15 February 1938 he was appointed a judge of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, which necessitated his moving to Melbourne. He acted (1939 and 1942) as judge of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory. In 1939 he investigated the cause of several crashes of Royal Australian Air Force bombers.

On 31 July 1941 Piper succeeded Sir George Beeby as chief judge of the Arbitration Court. From April 1942 to November 1944, he also chaired the Stevedoring Industry Commission. His excessive wartime workload led to health problems, initially with his heart and lungs, and then with his hearing. He took leave from the Arbitration Court in May 1946 and resigned in June 1947. Despite his lack of experience in industrial matters, he was widely respected for his honesty, sincerity and diligence, though he was 'not the strongest of judges'.

Active in the Australian Red Cross Society (chairman 1940-43, vice-president 1943-44 and honorary life member 1944), Piper was appointed an officer (1948) of the Order of St John of Jerusalem. He also served on the Victorian branch of the Boy Scouts' Association, the Braille Library of Victoria, the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, the Victorian Society for Crippled Children and the Gowrie scholarship trust fund. In his retirement he undertook some legal work for the National Bank of Australia and became a director of Broken Hill Proprietary Co. Ltd. Survived by his wife and their son, he died of cancer on 10 May 1953 at his Toorak home; having joined the Church of England, he was cremated with Anglican rites.

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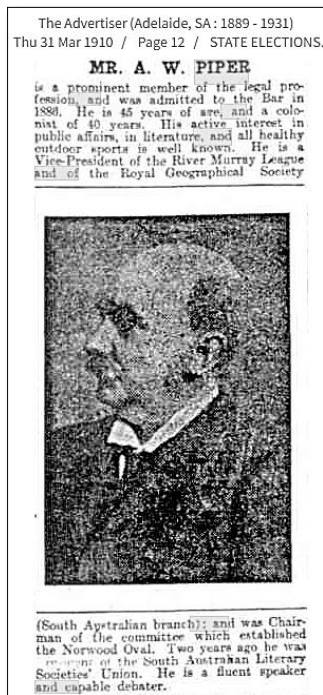
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## Additional Biography

### Early Life

Harold Bayard (Bay) Piper was born at North Walkerville, SA on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 1894 to Arthur William Piper and Edna Elizabeth Counter.

Bay's father was a lawyer later a King's Council and Justice of the South Australian Supreme Court. In 1910 he was a candidate for the Seat of Torrens in the State Parliament.



### Schooling

Bay attended Prince Alfred College from 1902 when he was aged 8 years. He passed his Junior Examinations in 1907, Senior Examinations in 1909 and Higher Public Examinations in 1910. While at PAC, Bay was with the Cadets and the Senior Cadets.

### Adelaide University

Bay commenced studying law at Adelaide University in 1911. He was awarded the Stow Prize in 1913 and graduated LLB in 1914. He was admitted to the bar on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1915.

NAME AND ADDRESS <i>Piper, Harold Bayard</i>		<i>Adelaide, Angus St, Kent Town</i>		REGISTER NO. <i>2239</i>						
COURSE <i>Law</i>	DATE OF BIRTH <i>26/8/89</i>	DATE OF MATRICULATION <i>12/11/11</i>	Entrance fee <i>7/4-</i>	GRADE <i>Grad</i>						
SENIOR <i>1909 Eng Lit, Hist, Geo, Lat, Math, Alg, Geom, Logic, German</i>										
HIGHER <i>1910 Eng Lit, Hist, Lat, German</i>										
STATUS GRANTED <i>Admitted to A. W. Piper &amp; Co.</i>										
YEAR	SUBJECT	RECEIPT	FIRST TERM	RECEIPT	SECOND TERM	RECEIPT	THIRD TERM	EXAMN.	RESULT	REMARKS
1911	Latin	B6220	1/4	B4708	1/4	B5268	1/4	B5700 1/4	N 11 P III	
	Eng History		2/4		2/4		2/4		N 11 P II	
	Contracts		1/4		1/4		1/4		N 11 P III	
1912	Property I	B6339	1/4	B6901	1/4	B7406	1/4	B7800 1/4	N 12 P II	
	Constitutional Law		1/4		1/4		1/4		N 12 P II	
1913	Theory of Law & Legis	B8008	1/4	B9047	1/4	B9766	1/4	B10026 1/4	N 13 P I	Stow Prize
	Roman Law		1/4		1/4		1/4		N 13 P I	
	Writings		1/4		1/4		1/4		N 13 P II	
1914	International Law	B10880	1/4	B11246	1/4	B12063	1/4	B12366 1/4	N 14 P I	
	Evidence & Procedure		1/4		1/4		1/4		N 14 P II	
	Property II		1/4		1/4		1/4		N 14 P II	
		LL B, Degree		16 Decr 1914		B12697 1/4		Enrolled 31.6.15		



## University Sport

### Rowing

Bay was a member of the Adelaide University Boat Club.

### Football

Bay played football for the Adelaide University B Grade in the Adelaide and Suburban Association in 1914 and 1915, winning a Premiership with the team in 1914. He also played some games in the A Grade in the 1915 season.

### 1914 – B Grade - Premiers



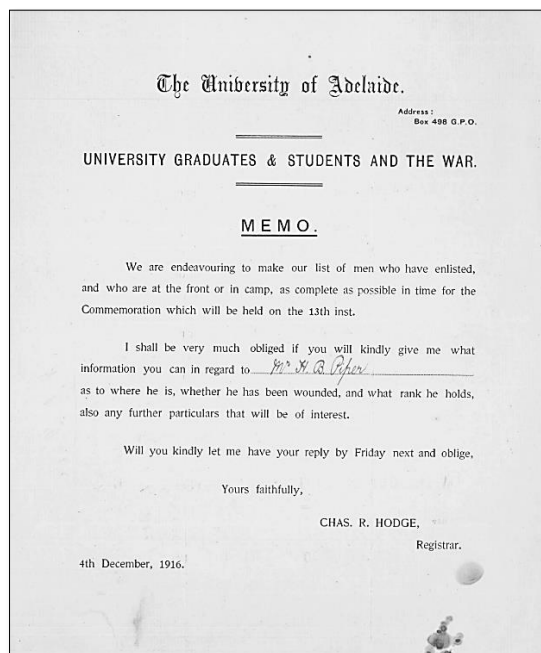
*H.B. Piper –Back Row – Player at far Right in V strip*

## World War I

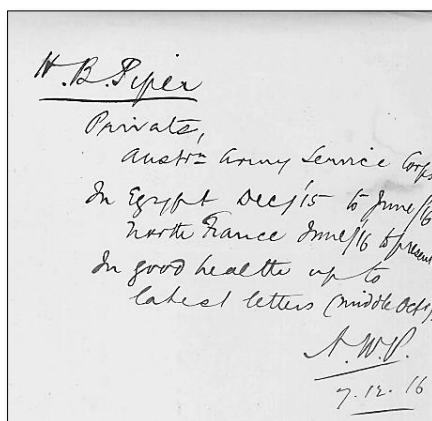
On the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 1915, Bay enlisted (SN 7733) as a Private. He was just over 21 years old and was an Articled Law Clerk (soon to be admitted to the bar). His Mother was listed as his next-of-kin. The family were living at Wattle Street, Fullarton, SA. Bay was described as at 5' 7½", 184 lbs, with a fresh complexion, grey eyes and brown hair. Bay was a member of the Citizen Forces at the time of his enlistment.

Bay embarked from Melbourne on the *H.M.A.T. R.M.S. Orontes* on 24<sup>th</sup> of November 1915 and served in with the Western Frontier Force in Egypt. He served in the 4<sup>th</sup> Coy A.S.C. and then the 4<sup>th</sup> Div Train. He marched from Polygon Camp Abyssinia, arriving at Tel-el-Kebir on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 1916. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 1916 Bay, transferred to the Supply Section. On 4<sup>th</sup> of October 1916, Bay was taken on strength at the Australian General Base Depot at Estaples, in northern France.

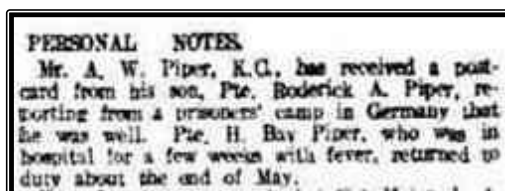
In December 1916, The University of Adelaide's Registrar, Mr. Chas. R. Hodge, was endeavouring to identify students who had enlisted to create a WW1 Roll of Honour. In most cases he had to contact parents.



Bay's father replied a few days after receiving the notice from the Registrar with details of his son's service.



From the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 1917, Bay served with the 17<sup>th</sup> Australian Depot Units of Supply. He also served at the 5<sup>th</sup> Dv 1 Artillery Headquarters and the 14<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battery as a Gunner. In April 1918, Bay was ill with a fever and was hospitalised.

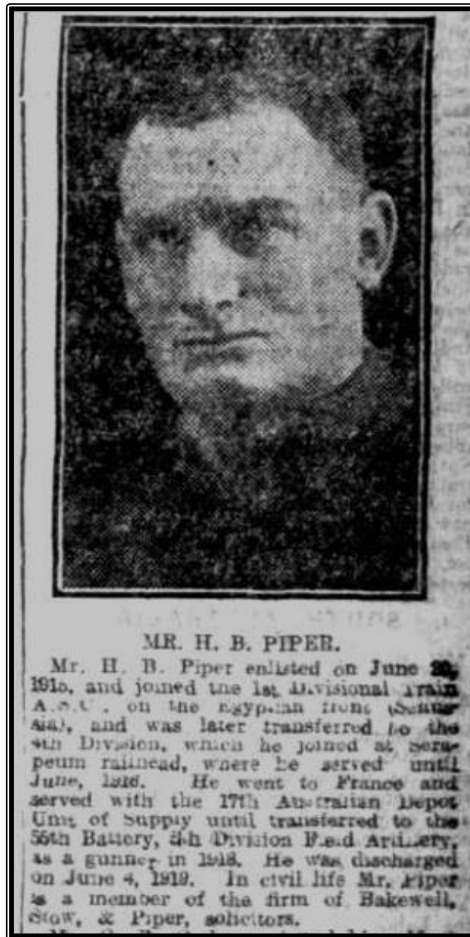


Bay returned to England on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 1919 and left from Liverpool, England on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 1919 onboard the *Balmoral Castle* arriving in Australia on 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1919 for demobilisation.

### Career & Family Life

Bay commenced his career as a barrister and solicitor on his return to Australia. In October 1919, on the retirement of W.A. Norman, Bay was admitted as a member of the firm Bakewell, Stow & Piper, joining his father in that firm. In December 1919, Bay stood for election for the General Committee of the Returned Servicemen's Association and was elected for the Metropolitan District.





**THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH OF THE  
 RETURNED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS' IMPERIAL LEAGUE (c1919)**



***H. B. Piper – Back Row Second from Right***

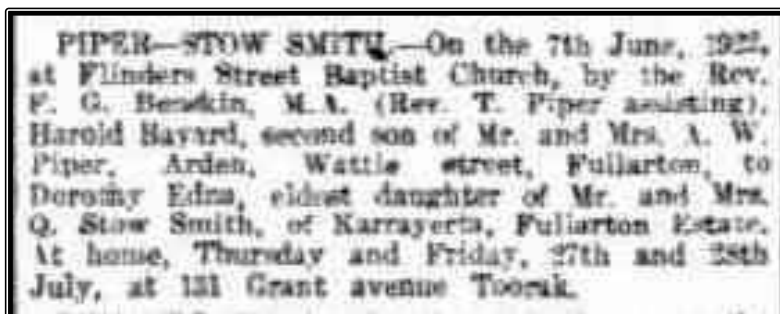
***Back Row:*** C. A. Horne (Stanley District), G. A. Stanhope (Murray District), H. K. Pritchard, D.C.M., M.M. (Metropolitan District), H. B. Piper (Metropolitan District), G. Dey (Port Pirie District).

***Second Row:*** J. B. O'Connor (Victoria District), T. P. Wood (Alexandria District), R. J. Rudall (Barossa District), P. J. Broderick (Burra Burra District), H. R. Hannam (Albert District), R. N. J. Fletcher (Barrier District), R. G. Woodhead (State Assistant Secretary)

***Third Row:*** W. M. Montgomery, M.M. (Vice-President), G. C. Campbell, M.C. (Vice-President), W. D. Price, M.C. (Vice-President), A. S. Blackburn, V.C., M.P. (President), C. P. Butler, D.S.O. (Vice-President), C. R. Cudmore (Vice-President), A. R. G. Fearby (State Secretary).

***Front Row:*** E. Birtles (Metropolitan District), S. H. Ayliffe (Metropolitan District), C. A. Mann, (Wooroorra District), G. G. Solly (Metropolitan District).

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1922, Bay married Dorothy Edna Stow Smith the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Quinton Stow Smith and their son David Bayard Piper was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 1923.



The family holidayed at Mt Breckan, Victor Harbor in February 1924 and Bay took up golf, playing at the Royal Adelaide Club. Bay competed in the AIF Cup in 1935.

In November 1927 Bay was elected President of the PAC Old Collegians' Association, a position once held by his father Mr Justice Piper. Bay presided over the PAC Old Collegians' Association during the college's golden jubilee year.

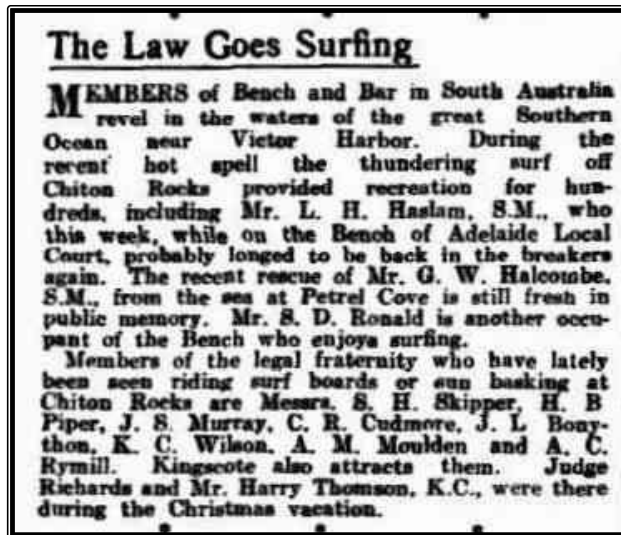


### 1928 - Prince Alfred College Old Collegians



*H.B. Piper – Front Row - Fourth from Left*

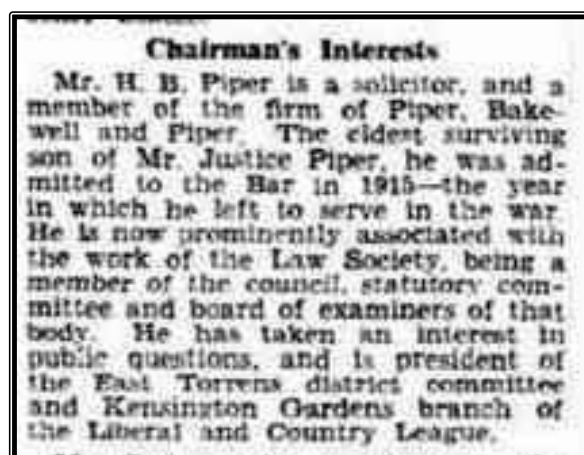
In February 1932, Bay was included in a list of lawyers who had been seen surfing in their summer holidays.



In 1935, Bay donated the H.B. Piper prize, for office practice and routine, which was won by Mr Robert F. Stokes, a law student at the University of Adelaide and a member of the Adelaide University Law Student's Society.

In January 1936 Bay was appointed Chairman of a Royal Commission into the question of using lotteries to fund hospitals.

#### 1936 – Chairman of the Royal Commission



Sadly' Bay's father, Justice Arthur William Piper, died in February 1936.

Who's Who in Australia, 1921-1950 for Justice Arthur William Piper

1933-1934

**PIPER, Hon. Mr Justice Arthur William** (S.A.): e. son of Rev. Thomas Piper; b. July 5, 1865, Faversham, Kent, Eng.; ed. State Schs. and Prince Alfred Coll., Adelaide; admitted to practice 1886, K.C. 1911, Judge of Supreme Court since 1927; Pres. S.A. Branch Roy. Geog. Socy., 1910-13; Grand Master Freemasons, S.A., 1919-24; m. Aug. 7, 1889, Edna Elizabeth, d. Jno. Counter, 6 s., 2 d.; recreations, bowls, walking, literature; address, Arden, Wattle St., Fullarton, S.A.; club, Adelaide (Adelaide).

In 1937, Bay was appointed as an acting lecturer in Law of Contracts at the University of Adelaide. The following year he was offered a three-year appointment lecturing in Mercantile Law, however he did not take up the position as other higher duties ensued.

309 Kensington Road, Kensington Park.

PIPER, Harold Bayard, Lib. B.

1. Acting Lecturer in the Law of Contracts.  
(a) Appointed for 1937 in the absence of Professor Campbell.  
£140 for the year. D. 278/36.

2. Lecturer in Mercantile Law  
(a) Appointed for 3 years from 1-1-38. £140 p.a. D. 187/37.  
(b) Resigned before taking up duty. D. 187/37.

These sheets stocked in 36 patterns by Percok Bros. Pty. Ltd.  
Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth, Brisbane.  
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In August 1937, Bay had to appear in court on his own behalf as he was charged by the police for having a glaring headlight.

## SOLICITOR TELLS OF "BLACK BULK"

### Explanation Accepted

The police were hidden behind a black bulk on the Anzac Highway, and he had to turn up his lights from dim to see what the black bulk was, said Harold Bayard Piper, solicitor, of Kensington road, Kensington Park, when charged in the Traffic Court today with having had a glaring headlight.

When he turned up his lights he saw that the bulk was a car without lights. The police emerged from behind the car.

He pleaded guilty to a purely technical offence, stating that although the beam from the light was 6 ft. above the ground at 75 ft., the light was not dazzling.

Mr. Coombe, S.M., accepted the explanation, and recorded a conviction without a penalty.

Bay was appointed Chairman to the Royal Commission on Betting in 1937.

### October 1937 – The Royal Commission on Betting



*H.B. Piper – Second from Right*

In January 1938 Bay was appointed the new Judge of the Federal Arbitration Court. To undertake this new role, Bay and his wife moved to Melbourne. They had a flat at Cliveden Mansions, on St Kilda Road and in February 1938 they moved to Sir G.D. Kelly's maisonette at 59 Marne Street, Toorak for six months. Bay and Dorothy had owned a house at 309 Kensington Road, Kensington Park, which they sold after moving to Melbourne.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954). Saturday 8 January 1938, page 23

## S.A. MAN FOR FEDERAL ARBITRATION COURT

**Mr. H. B. Piper To  
Be Fourth Judge**

**MEMBER OF BAR  
FOR 23 YEARS**

**Chairman Of Betting  
Commission**

**MELBOURNE, JANUARY 7**  
The Federal Ministry has appointed Mr. Harold Bayard Piper, barrister, of Adelaide, and a member of the legal firm of Piper, Bakewell, and Piper, to the Arbitration Court bench.

The appointment of a fourth judge to the bench has been made because of the growing volume of business and complaints of delay in the hearing of cases.

In making the announcement to-night, the Federal Attorney-General (Mr. Menzies) said that the whole question of the constitutional machinery of the Arbitration Court was at present being considered. He intended to discuss several aspects of constitutional and arbitration legislation with representatives of employers and employees.

Mr. Piper is a son of the late Mr. Justice Piper, of the Supreme Court of South Australia. He practised extensively in South Australian courts and is chairman of the South Australian Royal Commission on betting laws and practices. Educated at Prince Alfred College, the new judge was admitted to the Supreme Court of South Australia in 1915. In the same year he enlisted with the Australian Imperial Force and served in Egypt and France until his discharge in June, 1919.

Mr. Piper has played a conspicuous part in the work of legal societies. He is vice-president of the Law Society of South Australia, and is a lecturer in legal subjects at the University of Adelaide. In 1936 he was chairman of the South Australian Lotteries Commission.

Mr. Piper was born on April 26, 1894.



Mr. Piper.



In October 1938, Bay was one of the Judges who determined that Betting Shops could continue under the 1933 Betting Act.

**THOSE VILE BETTING SHOPS!**  
**ROYAL COMMISSION DELIVERS VERDICT**  
**1933 Betting Act Endorsed**  
**CONTINUENCE RECOMMENDED**  
**Knock-out Delivered to all Critics**  
(By Our Melbourne Correspondent)

Early in 1933 a Royal Commission sat to determine the best means of preventing illegal betting. After many months Parliament was advised to institute the State-wide tote. The House considered the recommendations on a non-party basis, consigned the proposition to the rubbish tip, and adopted a proposal from Mr Jenkins for the establishment of betting shops.

The present Betting Act came into being just in time to operate (in part) at the Xmas race meeting of 1933. Since that time the Act has been bitterly attacked by many, it has been dragged through the brambles, through the mire, and dipped in the slime. It has been unmercifully kicked and jumped upon, scoffed at and held up to public ridicule throughout Australia—and probably other lands as well.

The trial is now over, all the spleen of the many witnesses has been weighed in the balance, and three signatures have been placed on the back of the Act. Judge H. B. Piper and Messrs K. F. V. Sanderson (S.M.) and S. Powell (Chartered Accountant) have endorsed the Act and have recommended the continuance of the betting shops.

Bay continued to play golf in Melbourne and had membership at the Flinders Club. In August 1941 Bay was appointed the new Chief Judge and head of the Arbitration Court. He was the youngest person to hold the position.


**NEW CHIEF JUDGE IS FROM S.A.**  
**Youngest To Fill Post**

SYDNEY.—The youngest man ever to hold such a position, Chief Judge H. B. Piper, a South Australian, aged 47, today took his seat as the new head of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court. He succeeds Sir George Beeby, who resigned yesterday because of continued ill-health.

Congratulating the new Chief Judge, the Federal Attorney-General (Mr. Hughes) said: "Your four years in the ranks in the last war and fine record as a judge of this court for nearly four years fully deserve you your new appointment."

In reply, the Chief Judge said that he fully realised the high standard which had been set by the late Chief Judge and his predecessors.

The new Chief Judge, a son of the late Judge Piper, was born at Walkerville, and admitted to practice in the South Australian Bar in 1915, before leaving to serve with the A.I.F. He was appointed to the Bench of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court in January, 1938.





# Army Life Helped New Judge

*A man who served four years as a private in the past war, "having the time of his life," has become Chief Judge of the Arbitration Court at a salary of £60 a week, and he's only 47.*

The new Chief Judge, Harold Bayard Piper, succeeds Sir George Beeby, who retired on account of ill-health at the age of 72.

A well-built man, Mr. Piper played football for Adelaide University in his youth, and his golf handicap is 11.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think I'd be Chief Judge," said Mr. Piper in an interview.

"My father followed the legal profession, and I was always expected to do the same.

"Yes, I realise my job is an important one, especially in war-time. Sometimes the position awes me, but I hope I will be able to carry on and do my best."

## Reads "Thrillers"

In the rare moments when he is not pondering over a tricky clause in an award, or catching up on his law reports, the Chief Judge relaxes with a good thriller.

"There's nothing extraordinary about me. I'm just the average man of my generation," he said.

A native of Adelaide, he now lives at Toorak, Melbourne, with his wife and 18-year-old son David, a first-year university student.

In the last war he was in the artillery and later the Army Service Corps, serving for a month in Mersa Matruh. He was in Palestine and France.

"I wouldn't have missed my experience in the war for anything.

"I met different men, and in many ways this has been useful to me in my work in the courts."

In 1944 Bay was appointed as the fourth member of the Gowrie scholarship trust. Bay and Edna's son David became engaged to Beverley Merle Richards, the daughter of Mr & Mrs Walter Richards of *Royston*, Alma Road, East St Kilda, Vic in December 1946. At this time Bay and Edna were living at Montalto Avenue, Toorak.

Unfortunately, due to ill health, Bay stepped down from his position as Chief Judge. Bay was then appointed to a Judicial Committee to enquire into increasing the salaries of Victorian State parliamentarians in April 1948.

# **NEW CHIEF JUDGE IS NAMED**



**ACTING CHIEF JUDGE  
DRAKE-BROCKMAN**



**CHIEF JUDGE H. B. PIPER**

**CANBERRA, Mon:** Appointment of Mr Justice E. A. Drake-Brockman as chief judge of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court from June 16 was announced by Mr Chifley tonight.

Mr Justice H. B. Piper would resign his office as chief judge on June 16 because of ill-health.

Mr Justice Drake-Brockman has been a judge of the Arbitration Court since 1927, and has been acting as chief judge for the last 12 months. He was an original Anzac, and attained the rank of major-general.

Mr Chifley said that he and his colleagues regretted that Mr Justice Piper had found it necessary to resign, and that he would place on record appreciation of "his invaluable services as a judge of the Arbitration Court since 1938, and as chief judge since 1941.

## 1948 – Judicial Committee



*H.B. Piper – Facing – At Right*

In May 1948 Bay and Edna's son David married Beverley Richards and in July 1949 the couple had a daughter.

**PIPER—RICHARDS  
WEDDING**

The marriage of Beverley Merle, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Richards, East St Kilda, to David Bayard, only son of Mr and Mrs H. B. Piper, Toorak was celebrated yesterday at All Saints', East St Kilda, by the Right Rev J. D. McKie, Bishop of Geelong.

The bride, who was attended by her sister, Miss Barbara Richards, wore a gown of heavy crepe with a marquise yoke, and beaded pearl neckline. Her tulle veil was held in place with a coronet of orange blossom which was worn by her mother. Dr W. Thomson, of Adelaide, was best man.

From September 1948 to August 1949, Bay was invited to be a director of Broken Hill Proprietary Ltd.

**BHP WILL  
PAY PIPER**

**F**ORMER Chief Judge of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court, and Chairman of the Stevedoring Industry Commission, Mr. Harold Bayard Piper, has accepted an invitation to join the directorate of the BHP.

Mr. Piper, before he was appointed to the Commonwealth Arbitration Court in January, 1938, practised law in Adelaide. He resigned his position of Chief Judge of the Arbitration Court in June last year because of ill-health.

## Death

Tragically, on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1953, at his residence at Montalto Avenue, Toorak, Bay passed away, aged 59, leaving his widow, Edna and son David. After a memorial service at St John's Toorak, Bay was cremated at the Spring Vale Crematorium. He left an estate valued at £6,508.

## Death of Judge Piper



**MELBOURNE, Mon.:** Judge H. B. Piper (pictured above), former Chief Judge of the Arbitration Court, died at his Toorak home yesterday.

At 47, he was the youngest man ever appointed to the position.

Judge Piper was born in Adelaide 59 years ago.

He leaves a widow and a son.

Chief Judge Piper resigned in 1947, after less than 10 years in the post, because of bad hearing.

He had been an Arbitration Court judge since 1938.

He was the second son of the late Mr. Justice Piper, of the SA Supreme Court.

Judge Piper was educated at Prince Alfred College, then at Adelaide University, where he graduated in law in 1914.

He was already in the AIF when admitted to the Bar in 1915. He served through the war as a private.

He was chairman of the SA Betting and Lotteries Commissions in 1936.

## OBITUARY

### Former Chief Judge Piper Dead

Judge Piper, a former Chief Judge of the Arbitration Court and chairman of the Stevedoring Industry Commission from 1942-45, died at his home in Montalto Avenue, Toorak, at the week end. He was 59.

A SON of Mr. Justice Piper, of the Supreme Court, of South Australia, Judge Piper was born at Walkerville, South Australia, and was educated at Prince Alfred College, Adelaide.

After taking a law degree at the University of Adelaide, he was admitted to the South Australian bar in 1915, and later enlisted in the A.I.F. He served in Egypt and France.

Until his appointment to lead the Arbitration Court bench in 1938 at the age of 44 — he was the youngest man ever appointed to the position — he practised in Adelaide.

While in private practice he lectured at the University of Adelaide, and became a vice-president of the Law Society of South Australia.

He led a South Australian law committee investigating lotteries in 1935, and, immediately before his elevation to the bench, presided over a Royal Commission on betting.

He was an acting judge of the Supreme Court of Canberra for a short term in 1939.

#### Red Cross Work

The late Judge Piper was chairman of the Australian Red Cross Society from 1940-43, a vice-president of the society in 1943, and a member of the A.R.C. council.

He was also a member of the councils of the Boy Scouts' Association (Vic.) and the Braille Library of Victoria.

After his retirement

from the Arbitration Court in 1947 through illness, he was appointed a director of Broken Hill Pty.

He is survived by his wife and a son.

A memorial service has been arranged for 10.45 a.m. today at St. John's Church, Toorak. The funeral will later leave for Spring Vale Crematorium.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of A. A. Sleight.

#### Bishop's Tribute

In a tribute to the late Judge Piper, the Bishop of Geelong (Rt. Rev. J. D. McKie) said:

"The passing of 'Bay' Piper, at a comparatively young age, is another instance of the great stress placed on those holding responsible positions today.

His health was certainly marred by the strain of his Arbitration Court position, combining as it did both the intellectual demands of the legal aspects, with the immediate urgency of the industrial side of it. No one surely could have been a fairer arbitrator.

"Those who knew him best will always remember him with gratitude for his humility, his charity, and his most sincere desire to help as many people as he could. It was a great privilege to be his friend."

## FUNERAL OF FORMER CHIEF JUDGE

MELBOURNE, Tues.: More than 200 people, representing all walks of life, attended a funeral service for Mr. Harold Bayard Piper, a former Chief Judge of the Arbitration Court, at St. John's Church, Toorak, today.

Mr. Piper died on Sunday. A wreath from the Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) was among the floral tributes. The Attorney-General (Senator Spicer) represented the Federal Government and Mr. Menzies.

Members of the Arbitration Court at the service were the Chief Judge (Sir Raymond Kelly), Mr. Justice Dunphy, Mr. Justice Kirby, Mr. Justice McIntyre and Sir Edward Morgan.

After the service, during which the Bishop of Geelong (the Right, Rev. J. D. McKie) gave the address, the funeral left for the Springvale Crematorium.

## Judge Piper Dies In Melbourne

MELBOURNE. — A former Chief Judge of the Arbitration Court, Mr. Harold Bayard Piper, died in Melbourne on Sunday.

Mr. Piper, who was 59, was the youngest man ever appointed Chief Judge of the Arbitration Court.



The late Mr.  
Piper

He resigned from the court in 1947, because of deafness, after holding the position for about 10 years.

Mr. Reynolds, QC, said on Monday that amid impediments and frustrations, Mr. Piper had upheld the rule of law to the great benefit of the people of Australia.

Born at Walkerville, Adelaide, Mr. Piper had a large legal practice in SA before his Arbitration Court appointment.

He was educated at Prince Alfred College, Adelaide, and admitted to practice in 1915, after which he enlisted in the AIF for service in Egypt and France.

He was the second son of the late Mr. Justice Piper, of the Supreme Court of South Australia.

The president of the SA Lawn Tennis Association (Mr. Frank Piper) is a brother.

Mr. Piper leaves a widow and a son.

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