

**VERNON, GEOFFREY HAMPDEN.**

M.C., M.B., Ch.M. : Major, A.A.M.C., A.I.F., Palestine and Egypt.

Enlisting 4th March, 1915, and sailing 3rd June, with 4th A.L.H. Field Ambulance, was appointed R.M.O. and later S.M.O. Nekhl Column and served in Egypt, Sinai and Palestine until wounded at Tel-el-Sheria (Gaza) 7th November, 1917. On recovery was S.M.O. Training Depot, Moascar, and returned to Australia as S.M.O. troopship "Port Darwin" 19th August, 1918. Promoted major, 29th January, 1917. Awarded M.C.\* at Romani in August, 1916, and Mentioned in Despatches.

Early education at Sydney Church of England Grammar School.

\* " He tended and dressed the wounded under heavy fire, displaying great courage and determination. Later, he remained out all night with a wounded man."—*London Gazette*, 25th November, 1916.