

# Sgt Roland George Rossiter – service number 1547

Roland George born 1898 Warracknabeal, youngest son of 8 children of James (died 1910) and Sarah Jane

Ref: ROSSITER, Roland George b 1898 - Warracknabeal VIC (14974) ref <http://www.spirits-of-gallipoli.com/families/files/ROSSITER-RJ-Gen.pdf>

Note his elder brother Reginald James had already gone to Gallipoli and died on April 25 1915.

Photo - 'Your Old Pal, George' photo in Australia frame at Jeparit Museum, signed 'George Rosseter' WA, on back.



## 1915

**31 March = joined AIF in Melb, Private,**

**gave his age as 18 years 0 months old – really was 17!**

**Said he worked as a Clerk in Warracknabeal**

**April- May = training, Melbourne**

**8 May = left Melb with 23<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade on HMAT**

**Europides, for Albany WA from where battalions depart**

**June- Aug = 23<sup>rd</sup> Bn in Egypt training**

**June = found out brother died 25 April, Gallipoli**

**Sept – December = Lone Pine, Gallipoli, and departure**



## 1916

**Jan = 23<sup>rd</sup> Battn arrived back at Egypt, Alexandria,**

**Jan – March = in hospital with mumps**

**May = back with 23<sup>rd</sup> at Moascar, Suez Canal**

**June – June = 23<sup>rd</sup> Battn, Western Front France**

**21 July = gun shot wound to left elbow joint in first capture of Pozieres day before main battle**

**July – Nov = hospitals: Boulogne, France, then England**

**Dec = back with 23<sup>rd</sup> Battn, being reinforced, training, winter in France,**

**12 December = promoted to Lance-Corporal**

**1917 24 Jan = promoted to Corporal in France**

**2 May 1917 serious gun shot wound to shoulder in action day before main battle of**

**3-17 May = 23<sup>rd</sup> Battn in 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Bullecourt, France**

**May- Sept = hospitals, Havre, France, then England**

**November = back with 23<sup>rd</sup> Bn in France**

**Dec – 1918 Jan sick = in hospital at Havre in France**

**Feb = back with 23<sup>rd</sup> Bn in France**

**March – April = 23<sup>rd</sup> Batt defending against German Spring Offensive, Dernancourt**

**May = promoted to Temporary Sergeant, and then Sergeant in France**

**July = 23<sup>rd</sup> Batt fighting at Hamel, Belgium**

**August - Nov = 23<sup>rd</sup> Batt fighting from Amiens east to Germany's Hindenburg Line in Hundred Days Offensive (turned the war) under Maj – Gen Monash**

**1 September = gun shot wound to right inner thigh at Mont St Quentin**

**Sept – Oct hospitals, Rouen, France, then England**

**Nov = 23<sup>rd</sup> Batt rested, no need to return to duty**

**1919 Jan left England for Australia, discharged 21 April 1919 Melb**

**Died 1993 aged 95 Buried Castlebrook Cemetery, Rouse Hill, NSW.**



Main Reference for personal information = NAA: B2455, ROSSITER GEORGE , TROVE, and Ryerson Index. (Known to family as Rowland.)

<http://www.rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/262297>

<http://www.heavenaddress.com/restingplace/roland-george-rossiter/26541>

(cc) Research by Jeanie Clark into Rossiter family from Warracknabeal contribution to Great War (2014) used for ANZAC sessions at Jeparit PS. Edited 2015