

# Pte Reginald James Rossiter –service no. 2055

Reginald James Rossiter born 1892 Camberwell,  
2<sup>nd</sup> youngest son of 8 children of James (died 1910) and Sarah  
Jane Rossiter (died 1938)

REFs <http://www.spirits-of-gallipoli.com/families/files/ROSSITER-RJ-Gen.pdf>  
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Educated at Mr Lockwood's School, Warracknabeal.

Photo REF <http://www.awm.gov.au/collection/P06424.006>, in public domain, 1915 on top of Cheops with 8 others from 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion

## 1914

22 years old, worked as a Clerk in Minyip Commercial Bank

16 Sept 1914 = joined AIF in Melb, Private (given no. 66 first, before 2055)

Sept-Oct = training, Melbourne

19 Oct = left Australia with 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, A company, AIF, on HMAT Hororata (ship A20)

Dec 1914-April 1915 = training in Egypt

## 1915

*Note - His younger brother Roland George enlisted in March 2015 as a 17 yo claiming 18 yo, went to Gallipoli and France.*

25 April, 6<sup>th</sup> battalion landed at 6 am

25 April shot through the head = killed in action in the second wave on Gallipoli,

6<sup>th</sup> battalion lost about 114 men killed in action that day among the 2000 ANZACs to injured or killed that day

25 May buried in hill above Anzac Cove by chaplain in a marked grave\*.

12 June story in Argus stating how he died by his friend Thomas Hewitt Boyd

17 June Cable sent from Alexandria re death

26 June death notice in Argus

“ ROSSITER. —Killed in action, at the Dardanelles

25th April, Reginald James (late of CommercialBank Minyip), son of Mrs. Rossiter, Vail street, Armadale, aged 22 years.”

2 July 1915 Warracknabeal Herald reports his death on page 4

## 1916

Jan Mother sent death certificate from AIF

16 April package of effects arrived in Melbourne, but mother could not be located

Mother was sent a parcel of 1 notebook, cards and a handkerchief from his remains

## 1919

Nov Mother sent letter advising of burial in Buried Shrapnel Valley Cemetery ANZAC 400 yds southeast of Anzac Cove, row A grave 5

Standard Great War medals awarded

## 1922

Memorial plaque given to her for her house in 1922

March mother awarded pension on being a dependent of deceased son

## Commemorated at:

Australian War Memorial Commemorative  
Panel 48 and

Grave A5, Plugges Plateau Cemetery,  
epitaph from family

ROSSITER  
Private Reginald James, 2055, 6th Battalion, AIF.  
Killed in action 25 April 1915, aged 22  
Epitaph: Thy Will Be Done  
Ref <http://www.anzacs.org/epitaphs/epitaphsnopqr.html>