Roger Egan

Service No. 1734

Rank: Private

Unit: 8th Battalion & 60th Battalion.

Roger was born in Warragul in 1880. He was the son of Roger Egan and Johanna Murphy. Roger was working as a currier in the leather trade at the time of his enlistment on 23rd December 1914. He was aged 34 years 2 months. He gave his sister Margaret Finlan of Mont Park as next of kin.

After training he embarked on HMAT Wiltshire A18 on 13th March 1915 and landed in Egypt in April 1915. On 18th June 1915 he embarked for the Dardanelles on the Transport Australind, where he joined the 8th Battalion on the 22nd of June.

On 22nd July 1916 Roger was transferred to the 60th Battalion as the new Australian 5th Division was formed with men from existing battalions and reinforcements from Australia.

He served in France from 29th June 1916 and on 19th July 1916 he received a gunshot wound to his left wrist. He was released from hospital to Perham Downs on 14th December 1916.

After a lengthy convalescence period Roger returned to Australia on the Hospital Transport Ulysses on 13th November 1917 and was discharged on 1st March 1918.

He received the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

After the war he lived variously at Gore St, Fitzroy and Blanche St, Collingwood.

Roger Egan passed away in 1946 at Inglewood aged 66.