

ROACH, W.

William Henry James Roach was born in 1893 to James Reid Roach (1858-1903) and Elizabeth Jane Rowe (1858-1946). He had two sisters, Emma and Melinda. Aged 21, William was living with his mother in Rathdown Street when he enlisted in 1915 and left for service overseas. However, he contracted 'pulmonary tuberculosis', and returned to Australia in March 1916 where he was discharged as 'medically unfit'.

William initially lived with his sister Melinda and widowed mother. In 1938 he married Elva Jean Gladman (1919-1979): he died some two years later in 1940.

AIF Project Entry

William Henry James ROACH

Regimental number	3222
Place of birth	Burnley, Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Labourer
Address	369 Rathdown Street, North Carlton, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	21
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs R F Roach, 369 Rathdown Street, North Carlton, Victoria.
Enlistment date	27 August 1915
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	27 July 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	23rd Battalion, 7th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/40/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A73 <i>Commonwealth</i> on 26 November 1915.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	23rd Battalion
Fate	Returned to Australia 9 February 1916.
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Plaque in Victorian Garden of Remembrance
Date of death	20 August 1940

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