

George was born on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1891, the son of Burton Blackburn and Mary Jane Blackburn, nee Seaman.

On 11<sup>th</sup> August 1914 he joined E Company, AN&MEF, stating that he was a commercial traveller, single and gave his father at Oxford Lane, Brereton St, Brisbane as his next of kin. George returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 1915, having completed 161 days service.

In June 1915 he enlisted in the AIF as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements for the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion and was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt on 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 1915 and sailed with the Battalion for the Middle East aboard the ANEAS, leaving Sydney on 20<sup>th</sup> December. On 31<sup>st</sup> December he was promoted to Lieutenant and was wounded with a gunshot wound to the hand on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1917 and then gassed on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1918.

He returned from the UK again on the AENEAS in May 1919 and had his appointment terminated and placed on the Reserve of Officers List on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1919.

In 1920 he married Sybil Florence Bullock in Drummoyne.

He was appointed Captain in the 9/15<sup>th</sup> CMF Battalion on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1933 and promoted Major on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 1940. He was seconded to full time duty on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1940 and then appointed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Garrison Battalion on 16<sup>th</sup> April 1941, service number Q50502. He served until 16<sup>th</sup> July 1945.

George died in Queensland in 1964