

Roy was born in Bega, New South Wales, the son of Henry Augustus and Annie (nee Collins) Arnold on 25th May 1895.

On 11th August 1914 he enlisted into C Company of the AN&MEF. On his attestation papers he stated that he was single, a hatter by trade and gave his mother at 33 Comber St, Paddington as his next of kin.

Roy returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired on 4th March 1915 after serving 206 days.

Two days after his return he enlisted in the 18th Battalion, AIF (regimental number 805) and left Sydney for the Middle East on the CERAMIC, departing Sydney on 25th June 1915. On 28th August 1915, whilst on Gallipoli he was promoted Corporal and was appointed Lance Sergeant on 5th June 1916, whilst the Battalion was in Egypt making ready for their transfer to France.

Whilst in France, on 5th August 1916, Roy received a gunshot wound to his hand, which necessitated his evacuation to Hospital in the UK where he recovered, rejoining his Battalion in France on 9th October the same year.

On 19th May 1918 he was in action at Morlancourt, for which he received the Military Medal. The recommendation for this award states: -

“This N.C.O. did very gallant and useful work during the advance and consolidation of the captured position on the 19th inst. near MORLANCOURT. On reaching the objective he at once pushed forward with a captured Machine gun to enfilade a party of the enemy who were still giving trouble from pot-holes in the rear and thus causing them to retire.”

The day after this action Roy was promoted to Sergeant and on 2nd January 1919, he left the UK to return to Australia aboard the BERRIMA, the very ship he was on when he originally left Australia in 1914.

In 1924 he married Linda Gertrude Mocatta and they had a daughter, Barbara Joan, born 20th March 1926. In 1929, Roy enrolled in a Dentistry Degree course at Sydney University, graduating with a Bachelor in Dentistry Science in 1932. He was in private practice until he joined the Division of Dentistry Services in the NSW Department of Health on 4th April 1938.

On 3rd June 1940, Roy was appointed a Captain in the Australian Army Medical Corps (Dental) and was discharged on 12th July 1944 on compassionate grounds following the death of his wife, Linda.

After the war, Roy continued with the Department of Health. In 1954 he married Olive Winnifred Steele and he died on 2nd June 1958 at Hunter's Hill, New South Wales.

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WAR SERVICE RECORD.

SURNAME Arnold Other Names Roy Frederick
Rank Sergeant Unit 18th Batt. P.T.
Date and Place of Enlistment 11th August 1914 Sydney
Date of Embarkation and Transport 18th August 1914 Berrima
Date of Return to Australia and Transport 19th February 1919 Berrima
Place, date and nature of Casualty (if any) Pozières August 4th 1916
S. & W. Right hand
Decorations (if any) Military Medal
Full details and remarks as to service:—

Enlisted on Aug. 11th 1914 and left Sydney with the S. P. & M. E. F. on the Berrima on Aug. 18th. Landed at Rahaul on Sept. 11th and remained there until February 1915. Was discharged on March 5th and re-enlisted on the same day. Left Sydney with 18th Batt. on the Ceramic ^{June 25th}. After a short training period in Egypt the Battalion was transferred to Gallipoli and took part in attacks on enemy positions on Aug. 22nd and 27th. Remained on Gallipoli until evacuation. Went to France in March 1916. Was wounded at Pozières on Aug. 4th. Received M. M. for work during attack at Morlancourt. Returned to Sydney on "Berrima" Feb 1919.

Date of entering upon University Course March 18th 1929 Faculty Dentistry
Date of re-commencing University Course after service abroad
Scholastic Record:—

Geo. J. Sutherland
30/10/29

Address:— I hereby certify the foregoing particulars as true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

"Linnoy"
Donnaire Street, Chatewood.

Signature Roy Arnold