

History: George Robert Gilbert Angus GROVE.

Born: Official archives show abt 1898. Family always recognised 22/06/1898:

Place of birth Benalla. Vic:

Enlisted: Service No.3493 AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE ; Melbourne Vic.

On the 26/08/1915, he gave his age as 18 years 2 months, father deceased and mother signed consent as next of kin (neither had graduated in mathematics).

Trained Royal Park and Seymour

Appointed 8/ 24 Rifles on 09/12/15. Embarked (Africa) 05/01/1916.

Transferred to 8th Battalion on 24/02/1916

Wounded in action 18/08/1916, right leg amputated mid thigh 29/08/1916.

Hospitals in England until 07/02/17 then returned to Australia.

Discharged 04/10/1917.

Brief summary of life after army: George was fitted with a wooden leg which he seldom wore as he was amazingly active on wooden crutches, he learnt boot and shoe preparing and opened a small shop in Stanley Vic. But later moved to the city to work for BP Aust. As a Lift operator and maintenance manager at their Head office in Queen St Melbourne, until it closed in Late 1960.

Died: 1972 Preston Vic. 73 years

