

Robert Orlando COWEY



Date of birth	15th July 1888
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Area officer
Address	Wollongong, New South Wales
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	26 years 2 months
Next of kin	Father, John George Cowey, 'Weardale' The Patch, Victoria
Enlistment date	3rd September 1914
Rank on enlistment	Lieutenant
Unit name	3rd Battalion, B Company (Previous continuous military service A.I.C. N.S.W. Later as Area Officer with Rank of Lieut).
AWM Embarkation Roll Embarkation details	23/20/1 Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A14 <i>Euripides</i> on 19th October 1914 with First Australia Squadron for overseas.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Major
Unit from Nominal Roll	55th Battalion
Promotions	Major: Unit: 55th Battalion Promotion date: 3rd May 1916 Major: 3rd to 55th Battalion Recommendation date: 30th November
1915	
1914 5th December	Arrived Alexandria with Squadron.
1915 25th April	Landed on Gallipoli with 3rd Battalion. Forward with 9th Platoon to post later known as Quinn's Post.
1915 26th April	On death of Captain Lear, assumed command of Company. Promoted to Captain as of 26th April 1915.
1915 27th April	Wounded at Quinn's Post, Gallipoli. Gun shot wound to the upper right arm fracturing the humerus.. Evacuated to 17th General Hospital, Egypt on 30th April.
1915 May - January 1916	Hospitals in England and Convalescent Camps at Monte Video and Weymouth
1916 13th February	Rejoined Unit in Egypt.
1916 1st March	Transferred to 55th Battalion in Egypt with Rank of Captain. Taken on strength at Tel el Kebir.
1916 9th May	Ferry Post in France with 55th Battalion. Promoted Major.
1916 22nd November	Leave of absence
1917 3rd January	Senior Officers school at Aldershot for Course of Instruction in the duties appertaining to Battalion Command.
1917 31st March	Proceeded to France and rejoined unit in Field assuming Temp command of 55th Battalion.
1917 11th May	Wounded in Action. Admitted to hospital with gun shot wound to left foot.
1917 13th May	Admitted to hospital at Etaples with serious foot wound then transferred to England.
1917 1st October	Transferred to 3rd London Hospital
1917 2nd November	Rejoined Unit in the field. Seconded to command of 5th Australian Wing on 28th January 1918.
1918 19th March	Leave to Paris until 28th March rejoined Unit.
1918 31st July	Leave to UK until 16th August rejoined Unit.
1918 30th December	Leave to UK on 75 days leave.
1919 13th March	Granted leave to 22nd March 1919.
1919 10th May	Robert returned home per <i>Wahehe</i> . Also his wife Ruby Ethel Cowey '1st Class'
Fate	Returned to Australia 10th May 1919 per <i>Wahehe</i> disembarking on 28th June 1919.
Other details	Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal WW2 - Attached Legal Department 'Lines of Communication' Courts of Inquiry 1942-1943. Recommendations (Medals and Awards) Unspecified Born 15th July 1888 in Melbourne to Augusta Selina (<i>nee</i> Knapp) and John George Cowey. Married Ruby Ethel Craig late in 1915 in England. Brother James Picken Cowey enlisted 8th September 1914. Died 2nd November 1970 in Geelong. Aged 82