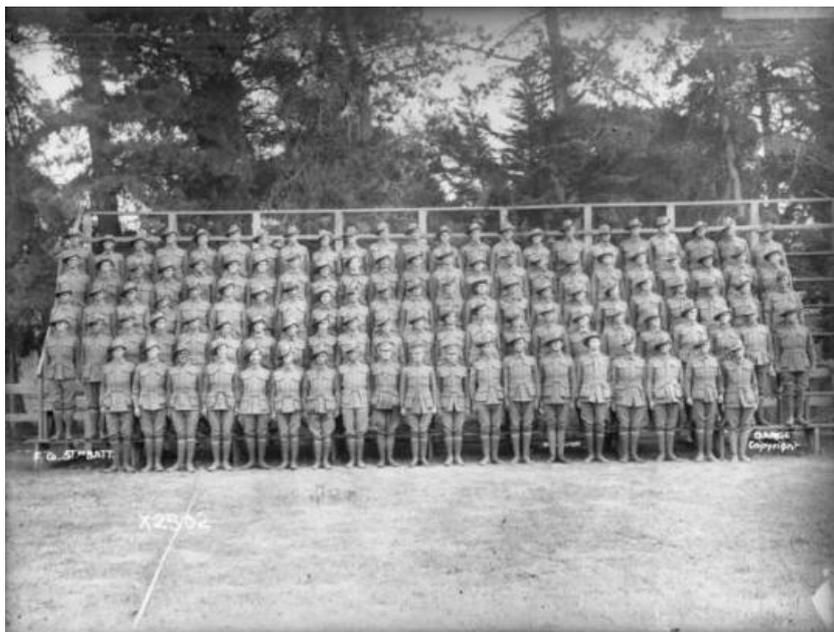


James Kirk BORROWMAN

James Kirk Borrowman was born on 13 May 1890. He was educated at Melbourne Grammar School. He passed his first year law examination in December 1909, and was working as an articled clerk at the law firm Hedderwick, Fookes and Alston, at the time of his enlistment in August 1914.

Borrowman was granted permission to leave, and, to complete his articles upon returning, with the intervening time not counting, by Justice Hood in September 1914. Borrowman served with the 5th Battalion (F Company) in Gallipoli and was wounded by a gunshot to the shoulder on ANZAC day 1915. We have a first-hand account of "Jim's" wounding by his friend Captain Sydney Campbell, who recalls "*On Sunday Jim had his cap knocked off by a piece of shrapnel and he still has it, with a big hole in back and top. What a narrow shave! Later he was wounded by a bullet in the shoulder, kept on fighting, but finally his shoulder became so stiff and painful that he had to desist and return to the dressing station. He has got on well, the bullet has been removed, and he will soon be as well as ever.*"



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Borrowman was promoted to corporal on 24 July 1915. He was then transferred to 7th Battalion on 26 July 1915 and promoted to sergeant. By August 1915, he was appointed 2nd lieutenant of the 7th, only to be wounded a second time in the fighting at Gallipoli (Lone Pine), with a bullet wound to the left arm. He was hospitalised at the Australian General Hospital in Heliopolis until he was invalided back to Australia in October 1915, after having his left arm amputated.

Upon his initial discharge from the Service, Borrowman was working as Associate to Justice Hodges. He was admitted to practice on 2 March 1917. He enlisted again in the Sea Transport Unit, travelling with troops as a ships adjutant, completing several voyages in 1917 and 1918. He then departed for the Malay States, in 1919, for quite a period, returning to practice at the bar in Melbourne in 1932, where he read with Mr H Shelton. He continued his military service in the Second World War, enlisting in 1941, attaining the rank of major and was posted with the Movement Control Staff. He died on 31 July 1966 aged 76 and was buried in St Kilda Cemetery.