

Sherrard Roy WARNOCK

Sherrard Roy Warnock was born in 1887 in Richmond. Little is known of his early life; however he listed his profession as a solicitor when he enlisted as a private on 24 November 1915. He had attained the rank of corporal by the time of his embarkation on the *Runic* in June 1916 with the 38th Battalion.

He saw action in France, in late 1916, and had his pay docked for 'loss of clothing' in November 1916. In April 1917, he was wounded in the back and arm while conducting raids on German trenches. He was evacuated to England, where, after convalescing, he undertook officers training at Balliol College, Oxford.

In January 1918, Warnock returned to France but in March was wounded a second time, this time in the foot. He returned to active service with the 38th Battalion in July. In August 1918, he was fighting at the decisive battle of Amiens, when he received a third wound, a severe gunshot wound to the head resulting in a fractured skull.

However, he survived all of this, and returned to Melbourne, where he married and established an accounting practice in William Street.

In spite of three injuries sustained in the war, including a severe head wound, he died in 1974 aged 86.



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38th Battalion Band on board the *Runic*, about to embark, 20 June 1916. Warnock was also on board at this time.