



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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George McIlroy

George Stanley McIlroy was a married 25 year old optician who was born in St Arnaud and was a new member to the Albert Park club when he enlisted in the 24th Battalion as a sergeant on 25th March, 1915.

George served in Gallipoli, arriving in December at the very end of the Turkish campaign and was soon promoted to Lieutenant. He played a key role in the peninsula's evacuation, being among the last of the ANZACs to leave. He was promoted to Captain in May 1916, but was invalided to England by the end of the year with neuroasthenia. He was awarded the Military Cross before returning to Australia in March 1917.

George's memoirs of Gallipoli were later published in *Reveille* in 1931. He died in 1953, aged 63, and was survived by his wife Clara and son Ian.