

## **JAMES THOMAS WOOLASTON GREEN**

James Green was born in February 1895 in the parish of Godmanchester, town of Huntingdon, Huntingdonshire, England. Parents were George William and Flora Millicent Green.

Attended Huntingdon Grammar School.

Possibly arrived in Australia at aged 15.

At the time of signing the form of attestation (24<sup>th</sup> of February 1915) James was aged 20 years and 5 months. His occupation is stated as that of labourer. N.O.K. shown as George William Green (Father), then living at 44 Grove Street, Fletton, Peterborough, Northamptonshire, England.

James had previous military experience, having served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Northamptonshire Regiment.

Army medical record shows that on initial examination, James was 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighed 10 stone, chest measurement of 34 inches and had fair hair and complexion with blue eyes.

Initially attached to No. 9 Depot with the Regimental Number 75, like many of his Western Australian comrades, James was initially cited to join the 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion but as the 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion was then being formed, he was sent to Blackboy Hill.

Assigned to C Coy. 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF

Embarked with the Battalion at Fremantle aboard HMT "ASCANIUS" On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 1915, bound for Port Suez.

After spending some time training in Egypt, the 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion sailed for Gallipoli aboard HMT "IVERNIA" in September 1915.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 1915, the records show that James was admitted to hospital at Gallipoli NYD (Not Yet Diagnosed). Nine days later, James returned to duty at Gallipoli and on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1916, having sailed from Mudros aboard HMT "AUSONIA" disembarked at Alexandria. In March, again aboard HMT

“AUSONIA” sailed for Marseilles to join the British Expeditionary Force.

The 28th Battalion took part in its first major battle at Pozieres between 28<sup>th</sup> of July and the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 1916.

It was during this battle that, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, James was to lose his life.

His mother was awarded a pension of 15 shillings per fortnight.