

## **JULIUS VICTOR MOORE**



Julius Moore was born at Balingup in March of 1887

Julius married Mabel Florence Longbottom in 1910, they had two daughters, Irene and Elsa, both children were born before Julius enlisted in the AIF.

At the time of his enlistment, Julius gave his occupation as that of labourer. He named Mabel as his Next of Kin with the address of Nannup. His medical examination record shows Julius as being 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing 135 pounds, having a chest measurement of 34 inches, fresh complexion, brown eyes and hair. C of E religion.

Julius Joined the AIF on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1916 and was given the Regimental No. 2128. He was assigned to the 44<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF.

Julius embarked on the troopship A23 "SUFFOLK" on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 1916 bound for Plymouth, disembarking at that port on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 1916. After further training in Britain, Julius, along with the Battalion, departed from Folkestone for service in France, aboard the SS "INVICTA."

Julius was taken on strength from the Australian Division Base Depot at Etaples (France) on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1917.

The 44<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF was formed at Claremont in Western Australia in February of 1916. The battalion left Australia in June of that year and after training in Britain, arrived in France on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November and entered front line trenches of the Western Front for the first time on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December.

The Battalion fought its first major battle at Messines in Belgium between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of June. Although the assault on the Messines – Wytschaete Ridge was a success for the Australians and their allies, Pte. Julius Moore was to be Killed in Action on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1917.

Pte. Julius Victor Moore was initially buried in the River Douve Cemetery 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles W.S.W. of Messines, France. Later re-buried Messines Ridge British Cemetery. Plot 1 row C Grave 41.

The widow of Pte. Moore was granted a pension of 40 shillings per fortnight, while each daughter, Irene and Elsa were also granted a pension at the rate of 20 shillings and 15 shillings per fortnight respectively. All pensions were payable from the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 1917.

