

# James BRAY



## Pre-enlistment:

- James BRAY was born 2 November 1890 in Beaconsfield, Tasmania to parents Janet and Mr BRAY.
- He was educated at Richmond Hill State School, Tasmania
- His occupation was that of a carpenter
- He lived at Race-course Road, Charters Towers, Qld
- His Next of Kin was listed as his brother, Sidney Norman BRAY, Townsville
- Previous to his enlistment, Bray served 6 years in B Company, 2/31st Infantry Regiment, Kennedy Regiment Commonwealth Expeditionary Forces

## Military Records

- Service Number: 2115
- James BRAY enlisted on 12 December 1914 in Winton, Qld
- He embarked with the 25th Battalion, 4th Reinforcement from Brisbane, on A26 'Arnadale' on 18 September 1915
- On 8 December 1915 he was 'Taken on Strength' at Gallipoli Peninsula
- 17 December 1915 he joined the Anzac Base
- On 9 January 1916, on HMAT Hororata, he disembarked in Alexandria
- Bray was admitted to Field Ambulance in Ismailia, Egypt, on 19 February 1916 & discharged on 25 February 1916
- He re-joined his Battalion on 25 February 1916 in Ismailia and left Alexandria 14 March 1916
- He disembarked in France on 19 March 1916
- Private James Thomas BRAY was 'Killed in Action' on 29 July 1916, Pozieres, Somme Sector, France, aged 33 years.
- His war service was in Gallipoli, Egypt and on the Western Front

## Cemetery &/or Memorial

- No known grave
- Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France
- Australian War Memorial, Roll of Honour, Panel number 105
- Richmond Hill Teachers and Ex-Pupils Great War Honour Roll

## Honours & Awards

- 1914-15 Star
- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

## Rifle Shooting

- James Bray was a member of the Kennedy Regiment Rifle Club

## ACWM Commemoration Service

## Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3114237>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1667197>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=31087>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/229628>
- information for Roll of Honour, Bruce Scott