

James William George PYLE

Pre-enlistment:

- James William George Pyle was born in Watsonville near Herberton on the 4 April 1895 to James Pyle and Clara Trevenen.
- He was the eldest of 7 children, Rose Evelyn born 1897, Nellie Amelia 1899, Wilma Henrietta 1900, Florence Bertha 1901, Norman Elisha 1903 and Robert James 1906. James's father died 1909.
- His home town was Watsonville, on the Tablelands
- He attended Watsonville State School, Watsonville, Queensland
- His occupation at the time of enlistment was a labourer
- His next of kin was his mother, Mrs C, Pyle, Bunda St., Cairns.



Military Records

- James PYLE served in the AN&MEF as part of the Expeditionary Force to New Guinea in the Far North Queensland Kennedy Regiment, known as the Dirty 500. Members of the Dirty 500. He landed on Thursday Island on 16 August 1914 from the troopship "Kanowna", to take part in the capture of German New Guinea. An incident on board the "Kanowna" involving the firemen forced the immediate return of the troops to Townsville on 18 August 1914; James was discharged the same day.

Military Records

- Service Number: 210
- James PYLE enlisted on 6 February 1915, in Cairns, aged 19 years 10 months
- On 29 Jun 1915 he embarked as a Sergeant, with the 25th Infantry Battalion, on HMAT Aeneas, from Brisbane for Gallipoli where he fought
- He was admitted to the 7th Feld Ambulance with a Septic throat and after discharge he embarked on the "Hororata" and disembarked in Marseilles, France.
- Sergeant James William George Pyle was killed in action on 29 July 1916, in the Battle of Pozieres, France aged 21 years
- His war service was at Gallipoli and on the Western Front

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Courcelette British Cemetery, Picardie, France
- Tree Plaque: Anzac Tree Watsonville
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour,
- Bundaberg Christ Church Roll of Honour,
- Cairns Cenotaph

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- James William George Pyle was a member of the Watsonville Rifle Club

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Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8022825&S=1&R=0>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=247661>
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