

James Edward ALLEN



Pre-enlistment:

- James Edward was born 11 March 1886 to parents William ALLEN and Sarah Jane CHILDS of Gin Gin, Bundaberg, Qld.
- He went to Gin Gin State School.
- He was a grazier & stockholder in company with his brothers, and had large holdings in the Gin Gin district.
- He, like his brothers, was a very keen sport and a successful trainer of a local racehorse.

Military Records

- Service Numbers: 2616, 2616A
- 5 July 1916 James enlisted in Bundaberg, Qld same day as his 2 brothers, Pte Ernest (Service No 2615) & Pte Josiah (Service No 2614).
- He joined the 49th Battalion
- 7 October 1916 he embarked on HMAT A40 Ceramic, from Sydney, aged 30.
- He disembarked Plymouth, England, 21 November 1916.
- Embarked Folkestone to join the British Expeditionary Force, France 8 January 1917.
- Marched in, 4th Australian Divisional Base Depot, Etaples 8 January 1917
- Marched into the School of Instruction, France, 24 March 1917
- Re-joined his Unit 9 April 1917
- Private James Edward ALLEN was 'Killed in Action' 7 June 1917, in Messines, Belgium. Aged 31 years. His brother Josiah was also killed on the same day in Messines.

Cemetery &/or Memorial:

- Menin Gate Memorial
- No known grave - "Known Unto God"
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour
- Gin Gin War Memorial

Honours & Awards:

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- James Edward was a member of the Gin Gin Rifle Club
- He was a splendid marksman, and won a gold medal during 1909.
- He also won several valuable trophies, scoring more than one possible at 500 yards.

ACWM Commemoration Service

- 2018 Remembrance Day Service Booklet
- ANZAC Day 2021 Keynote Address, Ian Errington

Some Reference Links

- aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=3300
- vwma.org.au/explore/people/369074
- awm.gov.au/collection/R1666916
- trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/215732174?searchTerm=Gin%20Gin%20rifle%20Club%2C%20Allen Won a gold medal
- trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/215639544?searchTerm=gin%20gin%20rifle%20club%2C%20allen Accepted to enlist
- trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/216946621?searchTerm=Private%20Allen%2C%20gin%20gin District Heroes
- trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/216946621?searchTerm=Private%20Allen%2C%20gin%20gin Family Sacrifice
- couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/bundaberg/we-remember-tragedy-takes-three/news-story/d6870cc8193859868b4236ca3b914822