

James was born in North Sydney on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1883, the son of John Henry Halyday and his wife Adelaide Esther Louisa, nee Hills. On 11<sup>th</sup> May 1904 he married Miriam Tot Monk.

On 11<sup>th</sup> August 1914 he joined B Company, AN&MEF, stating that he was a carpenter and giving his wife at 54 Oxford St, Sydney as his next of kin. He also stated that he had spent some time in the Royal Navy. He left Rabaul on the MATUNGA on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1914 as an escort for prisoners, having been classified as medically unfit. He was discharged, end of engagement, on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1914.

James wife, Miriam, died in 1917 and he married Lillian Mabel Blacker on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1919.

James died on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1956 and is buried at Rookwood Cemetery.