

# ***James Augustine Moy***

*No photo of James could be found,  
This is his headstone at the Ari Burnu Cemetery at GALLIPOLI*



Corporal **James MOY** enlisted on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1915. He was at the time living in Daylesford Victoria.

## **AIF WW1,**

He was a sawyer and wheelwright before enlisting. He had war service in Egypt and Gallipoli.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 1915 Captain Cutler and Moy moved to place explosives at the end of tunnel "H3". As they worked, they could hear the Turks digging getting closer to them. Estimating the enemy to be less than 30cms away they blew the tunnel. However, given the thin roof of the Australian tunnel it blew the roof out making it basically a sap (a trench).

The following day Moy attempted to crawl in the now open sap to check the damage. This was dangerous work and as he was crawling forward towards the Turkish front line he was spotted and Turkish bombs began falling into the sap.

Moy spent around four hours in these arduous and dangerous conditions trying to clear debris to investigate the damage so that he could create a better breach or more effective actions could be taken. Finally, almost inevitably, one of the Turkish bombs found its mark and he was mortally wounded. He did not receive any recognition for this work.

James was wounded severely in the neck and arm by the Turkish exploding bomb. He was carried to an aid station but died of his wounds. He was 30 years of age.

*Born on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1885 in Adelaide, James was brought up with his family in the Bundaleer Forest near JAMESTOWN SA. His birth name was James Augustine Moy but he enlisted as only James Moy. He was reportedly a good all round sportsman. He is listed on the Roll of Honour at the WEST ADELAIDE Football Club although his debut date is uncertain.*

*He is buried at the Ari Burnu Cemetery at GALLIPOLI TURKEY.*