

**In Memory of
Private JAMES PROCTOR
1825, Berkshire Yeomanry
Who died, age 20, on 21 August 1915
Son of Henry and Sarah Proctor,
of Marlborough St., Faringdon, Berks.
Remembered with honour
Faringdon War Memorial and
HELLES MEMORIAL, TURKEY**



Tpr J Proctor 1825 (A2); No.2
Windsor Troop - A Sqdn

Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The eight-month campaign in Gallipoli was fought by Commonwealth and French forces in an attempt to force Turkey out of the war, to relieve the deadlock of the Western Front in France and Belgium, and to open a supply route to Russia through the Dardanelles and the Black Sea. The Allies landed on the peninsula on 25-26 April 1915; the 29th Division at Cape Helles in the south and the Australian and New Zealand Corps north of Gaba Tepe on the west coast, an area soon known as Anzac. On 6 August, further landings were made at Suvla, just north of Anzac, and the climax of the campaign came in early August when simultaneous assaults were launched on all three fronts. However, the difficult terrain and stiff Turkish resistance soon led to the stalemate of trench warfare. From the end of August, no further serious action was fought and the lines remained unchanged. The peninsula was successfully evacuated in December and early January 1916. The Helles Memorial serves the dual function of Commonwealth battle memorial for the whole Gallipoli campaign and place of commemoration for many of those Commonwealth servicemen who died there and have no known grave. The United Kingdom and Indian forces named on the memorial died in operations throughout the peninsula, the Australians at Helles. There are also panels for those who died or were buried at sea in Gallipoli waters. The memorial bears more than 21,000 names.

Educated at King Alfred's School, Wantage; a clerk in London County and Westminster Bank, Windsor, James enlisted in 1914 and was killed at the Battle of Scimitar Hill. His father, Henry, was the Head of the British Boys' School (Non-Conformist) in Faringdon. His brother Percy joined the Indian Army in 1917 and was killed in an Italian bombing raid in Eritrea in 1941.