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GREEN, Keith Eddowes

Born 29 January 1893 at Glenelg, South Australia.

The only son of Thomas Walter GREEN and Mother Mary Phillis (nee STANBURY).

His father, who predeceased him, had for many years been Chief Clerk in the Chief Secretary's Office in Adelaide.

At the outbreak of the Great War he resided with his mother at Marian Place, Prospect.

He was educated at Kyre College and St Peter's College, and at the time of leaving for overseas he was employed in the accountant's branch of the Adelaide Steamship Company, Ltd.

He lived formerly in the Mitcham district, and for some time attended Archdeacon Clampett's Sunday-school in connection with St Colombia's Church, Hawthorn, and as a lad filled an enthusiastic part in the Boy Scout movement. He was a keen oarsman, and as a member of the Adelaide Rowing Club competed in a number of events, for which he received various club trophies.

His widowed mother resided with his married sister (Mrs T Horton) at Joyce Park, Lower Mitcham, and this address was quoted in connection with his next of kin.

He received his first commission in the 10th Australian Infantry Regiment on 24 June 1912, and was transferred with some rank to the 79th (Torrens) Infantry on 1 July 1912. He was promoted to rank of Lieutenant on 1 February 1914, and held this commission at the time of joining the AIF. He was one of the first South Australian Officers to offer his services for overseas, and was appointed a Lieutenant in the 10th Battalion at Morphettville on 19 August 1914 and posted to original G Company.

About 20 September 1914, when Captain H W H Seager, the original Commander of C Company, became ill with pneumonia, he was transferred to C Company as Acting-Company Commander. Captain Seager being precluded from embarking on the *Ascanius*, he was appointed Commanding Officer of the company, and when at Mena his company merged with original E Company and became the new B Company, he was appointed 2nd in Command of same, and promoted to the rank of Captain on 1 January 1915.

He landed with his company from the *Prince of Wales* at the historic landing on 25 April 1915, and during the heavy fighting of the first two days was killed in action.

Colonel Weir, in writing to his mother under date of 7 May 1915 said:

"Your dear son was killed in action on 25 of 26 April 1915 while bravely fighting for the Empire. I am sure that you will be glad to know that he was leading his men and bravely urging them to stick to their position, which we had to hold at all costs. The cost was, indeed, dreadful! Your dear son was a brave soldier, and no soldier desires a more glorious death than to be killed in action."