



DUPEROUZEL FAMILY

Family History

Amiable Ciril Du Perouzel, the son of a farmer, was born in Normandy in 1831. He married Elizabeth Susan Ferry on Jersey, one of the Channel Islands, in 1850, and they had their first child, John Aimable, in 1851. Unfortunately, John died at the age of three.

Aimable arrived in the Swan River Colony as a convict aboard the *Lord Raglan* in June of 1858. He had been sentenced to transportation for burglary and attempting to escape. The convict record also stated that Aimable was still married at the time of his arrival.

By the time he received his Ticket of Leave, a year later, Aimable was working in York as a farm labourer for James Draper. He received a Conditional Pardon in June 1861.

While working for S.S. Parker in York, Amiable met Julie Neagle, a housemaid working at the property, and they were married in 1863. It is not known whether his first wife was still alive at this time. The couple went on to have seven children, and Aimable became a well-known figure in the York community.

Amiable later became a farmer at Qualen, west of York. By 1871, he had a 100-acre lease and, between 1866 and 1874, he employed up to twenty-eight Ticket of Leave men at "Knockadin" and "Wootating."

Aimable died in 1901, at the age of seventy, and was buried in York.

George Charles Duperouzel, the second son of Aimable and Julia, was born in 1868 at York. He married Sarah Jane Willey at Gilgering in 1895, and the couple had eleven children who were all born at West Qualen. Two of their sons served in the A.I.F.

DUPEROUZEL

James Ross

Service No: 4783



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James Ross Duperouzel
Courtesy National Archives of Australia

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: James Ross Duperouzel

Service number: 4783

Date of enlistment: 30/12/1915

Age at Enlistment: 18 years 5 months

Civil Occupation: Shearer

Medals, Honours, Awards: British War Medal, Victory Medal

Height: 5 feet 9 inches

Weight: 155 pounds

Chest measurement: 35 inches

Complexion: Fresh

Eye Colour: Steel Grey

Hair Colour: Brown

Father: James Charles Duperouzel

Mother: Sarah Jane Willey

Siblings: Elsie Maud b.1895-1905, George Charles b.1899, Alexander b. 1901, Julia Maud b.1904, Anna Ruby b.1906, John Aimable b.1908-1908, Thomas Frederick b.1909-1911, Ivy Elizabeth b.1910, Louisa Alice b.1913, Lindsay b.1916.

Life Story

James Ross Duperouzel was the eldest son of George Duperouzel and Sarah Jane Willey. He was born at Spring Valley, Beverley, in 1897, while the family were living on their farm at West Qualen.

James attended Qualen School and, at the time of his enlistment at the age of eighteen, was working as a shearer.

James enlisted on the 30th December 1915, naming his father as next of kin. He left Fremantle aboard the A38 *Ulysses* on the 1st April and arrived in Alexandria with the 3rd Training Battalion on the 25th April 1916.

On the 7th June, James set sail for Marseilles, where he was Taken on Strength with the 51st Battalion on the 23rd July. James soon found himself in action on the front line.

The 51st Battalion was formed in Egypt on the 1st March 1916. It comprised half of the 11th Battalion (veterans of the Gallipoli landing) and reinforcements of the 11th and 28th Battalions. They were all Western Australian volunteers.

Between the 8th and 31st August 1916, the 51st Battalion took part in the advance on Mouquet Farm, near Pozieres. It was the Battalion's first major engagement with the enemy, and over 600 men were killed, wounded or reported missing during the Battle.

Somewhere between the 14th and 16th August, James Ross Duperouzel was Killed in Action. He has no known grave, but his name is inscribed on the Villes-Bretonneux Memorial and the York District Honour Board at the York Town Hall as well as four other War Memorials and Honour Boards in Australia.

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DUPEROUZEL George Charles

Service No: 39848



George Charles Duperouzel
Courtesy Virtual War Memorial

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: George Charles Duperouzel

Service number: 39848

Date of enlistment: 9/1/1918

Age at Enlistment: 18 years 4 months

Civil Occupation: Farm Hand

Medals, Honours, Awards: British War Medal, Victory Medal

Height: 5 feet 9 inches

Weight: 153 pounds

Chest measurement: 34 inches

Complexion: Fair

Eye Colour: Green

Hair Colour: Fair

Father: James Charles Duperouzel

Mother: Sarah Jane Willey

Married: Edith Eunice Violet Brand

Children: James George b. 1929, Joan Eunice b. 1930, Joyce Ada b. 1933,
William George 1935-1935

Life Story

George Charles Duperouzel, born in 1899, was the second son of George Duperouzel and Sarah Jane Willey. He attended Qualen School with his brother, James, and, by the time of his enlistment at the age of eighteen, was working as a farm hand for his father.

Descendent William Duperouzel states:

It is well known within the family that when Jim was killed in action in August 1916 George was so angry that he wanted to enlist straight away and go and kill a few Germans himself, but he was too young.

After training as a gunner at Blackboy Hill Camp, George embarked with the 35th Field Artillery Reinforcements aboard SS *Port Darwin* and sailed for Egypt on the 7th May 1918. He arrived in Suez on the 7th June and, after a month's training, set sail again for England, where he arrived in Southampton on the 16th July.

On the 4th October 1918, George proceeded overseas to France and, two days later, he marched in to the Australian General Base Depot at Rouelles.

George was Taken on Strength with the 5th Divisional Ammunition Column (D.A.C.) in the Field on the 12th October. The purpose of the D.A.C., which was made up of horse drawn wagons and motor trucks, was to haul ammunition up to the artillery units at the Front.

On the 4th November 1918, Gunner Duperouzel transferred to the 14th Field Artillery Brigade. William Duperouzel records story remembered in the family:

Whilst in France a gun emplacement was positioned in a field of liquid mud criss-crossed by wooden planks that enabled the soldiers of the 14th F.A.B. to move about without becoming bogged down. The gun ran out of ammunition so George was sent back behind the lines to find some more. He zigzagged his way through the mud fields, obtained more ammunition and worked his way back to the gun and his mates – only to discover that in his absence the gun position had scored a direct hit and was now a big crater in the mud.

On the 22nd May 1919, the Field Artillery Brigade left France for England. George embarked on board the *City of Exeter* on the 12th July to return to Western Australia. He disembarked at Fremantle on the 16th August 1919.

After the War, George returned to work on the family farm. He married Edith Eunice Violet Brand at York, in 1928, and the couple went on to have four children, three of whom survived infancy.

In 1934, due to the difficult economic conditions of the time, George and Eunice walked off the farm and settled in Marvel Loch, near Southern Cross, where George found work in the mining industry.

On the 9th April 1942, George enlisted in the 15th Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps. He stated he was 42 years of age and gave his occupation as sand shoveller (labourer). His medical history also stated he had been a motor driver.

Eunice died in 1966, at the age of 74, and was buried in the cemetery in Southern Cross. George died in 1980, aged 81, and was buried in the Southern Cross cemetery close to his wife.

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