James Evans Carrie was born in 1889 at Woolahra, Sydney, NSW, the third of four children born to James and Mary H. Carrie. James had one sister, Mary Henderson b.1883, and two brothers, William b.1885 (died 1889), and Henry Woxen b.1890.

James attended St John’s Grammar School, Parramatta, and then, aged 18, enrolled at HAC to do the Practical Piggery Course in July 1907. Gaining the First Aid Class Certificate and Piggery Certificate, James left HAC in December 1908.

News from James, printed in the January 1914 College Journal, said he had spent 12 months at the Wollongbar Experiment Farm, then three months on a neighbouring dairy farm. He then moved to the Darling Downs, Qld, and worked for a year on a mixed-farm at Glen-Gallon, worked for a HAC classmate on the Orara River and then “selected” (land opened for lease/purchase before it was surveyed by the Government to establish intensive rather than extensive agriculture) 320 acres south of Mount Emlyn, Queensland. He established a dairy farm and intended breeding pigs. Further news of clearing his property, planting corn and sending milk to the butter and cheese factory, plus an image of him with his kelpie dog standing in the doorway of the slab residence he had built were printed in the September 1914 Journal.

James was a volunteer in the Light Horse regiment, Darling Downs before World War One and is recorded as a farmer at the time of enlistment, 6 May 1916, in the 41st Battalion, 5th Reinforcement.
Embarking from Brisbane, Queensland, on board HMAT A55 Kyarra on 17 November 1916, James served on the Western Front in France.

James was part of a night raid attempting to cut through German barbed wired when he was Killed in Action 26 April 1918 on the Sailly-le-Sec sector near Villers-Bretonneux, France. A letter from John Gibson (HAC 1914-16) to the College in 1919 said “Jim Carrie, who was in my platoon...was a fine fellow and very game in the line” (HAC Journal June 1919 p.76). James was 28 years old.

With no known grave James is commemorated at the Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux.

Henry Woxen Carrie enlisted in the 26th Battalion on 3 April 1916. Henry served in France and Belgium where he was wounded in action September 1917, and gassed in October 1918. Surviving the war, Henry returned to Australia on 4 June 1919.