

Alexander John Phillips

Private (Pte) 6063 Alexander John Phillips enlisted in the 7th Infantry Battalion in the 2nd Infantry Brigade of the 1st Australian Division in Melbourne on 15 March 1916.

He embarked overseas on 28 July and disembarked at Plymouth, England on 11 September.

After two months training with the 2nd (Brigade) Training Battalion, he sailed for France on 12 November, where he was taken on strength of the 7th Battalion on 25 November.

The battalion moved into the front line at Gueudecourt on the night of 14 December, and it was here two days later that Pte Phillips was killed in action by German artillery fire.



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An Australian soldier wading through the mud in Gird Trench, near Gueudecourt, December 1916

His body was never recovered, and he has no known grave.

Private 6063 Alexander John Phillips is remembered on the Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France.

Name: Phillips, Alexander John	
Service Number	6063
Date enlisted	15 March 1916
Place enlisted	Melbourne, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Private
Initial Unit	7 th Infantry Battalion
Date and ship embarked for overseas	28 July 1916 HMAT A32 <i>Themistocles</i>
Stated age/DOB (if known)	37 years 2 months
Place of birth	Muckleford, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Farmer
Religion	Presbyterian
Next of kin and address	Phillips, Mrs Isabella, mother, Baringhup, Victoria
Permanent address	Baringhup, Victoria
Appearance	Fresh complexion, dark brown hair, brown eyes, height – 5 feet 8 inches, weight – 10 stone, chest measurement – 36/38 inches
Final Rank	Private
Final Unit	7 th Infantry Battalion
Theatres of war served in	France
Fate	Killed in action
Date and place died	16 December 1916 Gueudecourt, France
Cemetery details	No known grave. Commemorated on the Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France
Honours/medals	British War Medal, Victory Medal
Notes	Also listed on the Maldon State School Roll of Honor and Baringhup State School & District Roll of Honor