

William Tidd



Private (Pte) 863 William Tidd enlisted in the 6th Infantry Battalion in the 2nd Infantry Brigade of the 1st Australian Division at Prahran on 17 August 1914.

The battalion embarked overseas on 19 October then, after several months training in Egypt, departed for Lemnos on 5 April 1915, where they practiced disembarking from the troopships into smaller boats. On 25 April, the 6th Battalion landed at Gallipoli as part of the second wave of the assault and sustained around 250 casualties in the first few days.

On 6 May 1915, the 2nd Brigade was moved 20 km south by boat to Cape Helles, where they participated in a poorly planned, British led attack on Krithia between 8 – 11 May. The 6th Battalion alone sustained 337 casualties (including 215 killed or missing) in just three days.

In view of their considerable losses, the 6th Battalion was maintained in reserve after their return to Anzac Cove and throughout June, however given the proximity of the enemy, nowhere was deemed safe, and it was during this period that Pte Tidd was killed in action on 6 June 1915.



Pte Tidd's grave at Lone Pine Cemetery

Private 863 William Tidd was initially buried at Brown's Dip the same day, but his remains were later re-interred at Lone Pine Cemetery, Gallipoli.

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| Name: Tidd, William | |
| Service Number | 863 |
| Date enlisted | 17 August 1914 |
| Place enlisted | Melbourne, Victoria |
| Rank on enlistment | Private |
| Initial Unit | 6 th Infantry Battalion |
| Date and ship embarked for overseas | 19 October 1914 HMAT A20 <i>Hororata</i> |
| Stated age/DOB (if known) | 21 years 1 month |
| Place of birth | Eastville, Victoria |
| Marital status | Single |
| Occupation | Grocer |
| Religion | Church of England |
| Next of kin and address | Tidd, Mr Joshua, father, 484 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo, Victoria |
| Permanent address | Kensington, Victoria |
| Appearance | Fair complexion, fair hair, grey eyes, height – 5 feet 7 inches, weight – 10 stone, 4 lbs, chest measurement – 33 inches |
| Final Rank | Private |
| Final Unit | 6 th Infantry Battalion |
| Theatres of war served in | Egypt, Gallipoli |
| Fate | Killed in action |
| Date and place died | 6 June 1915 Gallipoli, Turkey |
| Cemetery details | Lone Pine Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey Plot II, Row D, Grave 6 |
| Honours/medals | 1914/15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal |
| Notes | Also listed on the Laanecoorie Eastville State School Roll of Honor and the Bendigo Great War Roll of Honor |