

Frederick Roquette Phillips



Private (Pte) 893 Frederick Roquette Phillips enlisted in the 5th Infantry Battalion in the 2nd Infantry Brigade of the 1st Australian Division at Ripponlea on 17 August 1914. He embarked overseas on 21 October and disembarked in Egypt on 1 December.

On 5 April 1915, the 5th Battalion embarked for the island of Lemnos, where they practiced disembarking from the ship and climbing the local hills each day. On the night of 24 April, the troopships departed Mudros Harbour and sailed for Gallipoli.

From 5.30 am on 25 April 1915 the battalion disembarked from their transports into smaller boats and were towed toward the beaches. The 5th Battalion landed as part of the second wave and found the beach crowded with troops and wounded men. Between 25 – 29 April, the 5th Battalion alone sustained 660 casualties.

Two weeks later the 2nd Brigade was moved 20 km south by boat to Cape Helles, where they participated in a poorly planned attack on Krithia on 8 May 1915 and sustained over 1,000 casualties, after which they returned to Anzac Cove.

Tpr Phillips was promoted to Lance Corporal (L Cpl) on 30 May, then hospitalised with gastro enteritis between 15 – 21 June, when he rejoined the battalion.

On the evening of 9 August, the 5th Battalion relieved the 7th Battalion in the newly captured trenches at Lone Pine. The battalion diary recorded the event as follows: *“In position at 1830. Trenches in bad state as dead men all over the place and beginning to decompose. Enemy bombing heavily all night”*.

It was during this phase of the battle that L Cpl Phillips sustained a bomb (grenade) wound to his head. He was eventually evacuated to Egypt on 12 August via HMHS *Neuralia* but died of his wounds enroute on 13 August 1915. He was buried at sea later the same day, and he has no known grave.

Lance Corporal 893 Frederick Roquette Phillips is remembered on Panel 24 of the Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.

Name: Phillips, Frederick Roquette	
Service Number	893
Date enlisted	17 August 1914
Place enlisted	Ripponlea, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Private
Initial Unit	5 th Infantry Battalion
Previous military service	Victorian Rifles (CMF) – 18 months
Date and ship embarked for overseas	21 October 1914 HMAT A3 <i>Orvieto</i>
Stated age/DOB (if known)	21 years 5 months (25/3/1893)
Place of birth	London, Middlesex, UK
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Student
Religion	Church of England
Next of kin and address	Phillips, Mr William, father, “Addiscombe”, Rothschild Street, Glen Huntly, Victoria
Permanent address	Glen Huntly, Victoria
Appearance	Dark complexion, dark hair, grey eyes, height – 5 feet 8 inches, weight – 11 stone, chest measurement – 34/36 inches
Final Rank	Lance Corporal
Final Unit	5 th Infantry Battalion
Theatres of war served in	Egypt, Gallipoli
Fate	Died of wounds
Date and place wounded	August 1915 – Lone Pine, Gallipoli
Nature of wounds	Bomb wound to head
Date and place died	13 August 1915 At sea onboard HMHS <i>Neuralia</i>
Cemetery details	No known grave. Commemorated on Panel 24 of the Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.
Honours/medals	1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal
Notes	Father was Vicar of St Marks Church between 1894 – 1898. Also remembered on the Leopold War Memorial