

## **Alan Dunn**

Private (Pte) 2172 Alan Dunn enlisted in the 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion in the 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade of the 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Division in Melbourne on 2 May 1916.

He embarked overseas on 16 August and disembarked in Plymouth on 2 October, where he joined the 12<sup>th</sup> (Brigade) Training Battalion at Codford Camp.

While there, he was absent without leave between 20 – 25 October, for which he was awarded 21 days Field Punishment No. 2 (extra work duties) and docked 21 days' pay, and then again on 22 November, for which he was awarded seven days confined to camp and the loss of one days' pay.

He sailed for France on 4 December and disembarked the next day, where he joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Division Base Details at Etaples. While there, he was charged with breaking out of the Segregation Camp on 4 January 1917, for which he was awarded the loss of 28 days' pay.

Pte Dunn left Etaples on 25 January and was subsequently taken on strength of the 46<sup>th</sup> Battalion, in the field at Mametz, two days later, one of 110 reinforcements received that day.

The 46<sup>th</sup> Battalion moved into the front line near Gueudecourt on 9 February, and it was here a week later that Pte Dunn sustained a shrapnel wound to his right hand on 16 February.

He was evacuated and admitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> General Hospital at Rouen from 17 February – 2 March, then sent to a convalescent depot, also in Rouen, until 12 March, when he was discharged to the 4<sup>th</sup> Division Base Details Camp at Etaples.

He never rejoined his battalion but instead returned to England on 9 April and was attached to the No. 2 Command Depot at Weymouth. After three months there, he embarked for return to Australia on 22 July.

Private 2172 Alan Dunn disembarked in Melbourne on 27 September, where he was medically discharged from the AIF on 2 November 1917.

Name: Dunn, Alan	
Service Number	2172
Date enlisted	2 May 1916
Place enlisted	Melbourne, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Private
Initial Unit	46 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion
Date and ship embarked for overseas	16 August 1916 RMS <i>Orontes</i>
Stated age/DOB (if known)	30 years 9 months
Place of birth	London, England
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Labourer
Religion	Methodist
Next of kin and address	Dunn, Mr William, father, 111 Madeline Street, Durban, South Africa
Permanent address	St Leonards, Victoria
Appearance	Dark complexion, black hair, brown eyes, height – 5 feet 6 inches, weight – 7 stone, 8 lbs, chest measurement – 31/34 inches
Final Rank	Private
Final Unit	46 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion
Theatres of war served in	France
Fate	Returned to Australia
Date and place wounded	16 February 1917 Gueudecourt, France
Nature of wounds	Shrapnel wound to right hand
Date and ship embarked for Australia	22 July 1917 HT <i>Nestor</i>
Date discharged	2 November 1917
Nature of discharge	Medically Unfit (wounds)
Honours/medals	British War Medal, Victory Medal
Notes	Remembered on the St Paul's Anglican Church Honor Roll