

Philip Athol Fargher



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Private (Pte) 2022 Philip Athol Fargher enlisted in the 22nd Infantry Battalion in the 6th Infantry Brigade of the 2nd Australian Division in Melbourne on 3 July 1915. He embarked overseas on 26 August and disembarked in Egypt in mid-September.

He left Egypt in late October and was subsequently taken on strength of the 22nd Battalion at Gallipoli on 31 October 1915. The sanitary conditions were already poor, but the onset of winter saw even more men succumb to illness. One of those was Pte Fargher, who contracted diphtheria and was evacuated sick to Egypt on 12 December.

He was treated at the 21st General Hospital at Alexandria between 25 December – 22 February 1916, after which he spent a further two weeks at the 1st Australian General Hospital at Heliopolis between 22 February – 4 March.

Following his discharge from hospital, he was transferred and taken on strength of the 60th Infantry Battalion in the 15th Infantry Brigade of the 5th Australian Division on 20 April.

He departed Egypt on 18 June and disembarked in Marseilles on 29 June, then travelled north by train to the village of Steenbecque.

Just a few weeks later, the 60th Battalion formed part of the first wave that attacked the strong German positions at Fromelles, in an assault that should never have been allowed to occur. The Australians were decimated in the poorly planned attack and lost over 5,500 casualties in one day.

The 60th Battalion alone sustained 757 casualties – which represented more than 80% of its starting strength – one of whom was Pte Fargher who was killed in action on 19 July 1916. His body was one of many that were never recovered, and he has no known grave.

Private 2022 Philip Athol Fargher is remembered on Panel 20 at V.C. Corner Australian Cemetery Memorial, Fromelles, France.

Name: Fargher, Philip Athol	
Service Number	2022
Date enlisted	3 July 1915
Place enlisted	Melbourne, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Private
Initial Unit	22 nd Infantry Battalion
Date and ship embarked for overseas	26 August 1915 HMAS A68 <i>Anchises</i>
Stated age/DOB (if known)	24 years 11 months
Place of birth	Carlton, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Conductor (Victorian Railways)
Religion	Church of England
Next of kin and address	Stent, Mrs Ellen, mother, 33 James Street, Windsor, Victoria
Permanent address	Windsor, Victoria
Appearance	Fresh complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, height – 5 feet 8 inches, weight – 11 stone, chest measurement – 35/37 inches
Final Rank	Private
Final Unit	60 th Infantry Battalion
Theatres of war served in	Egypt, Gallipoli, France
Fate	Killed in action
Date and place died	19 July 1916 Fromelles, France
Cemetery details	No known grave. Commemorated on Panel 20, V.C. Corner Australian Cemetery Memorial, Fromelles, France
Honours/medals	1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal
Notes	Attended St Leonards State School. Remembered on the St Leonards Honor Roll and St Paul's Anglican Church Honor Roll.