

## Joseph Emanuel Parish

Joseph (Joe) Emanuel Parish was born in 1895 in Kilmore, the son of Fred and Elizabeth Ann Parish (nee Joiner). The Parish family lived for a short period in Kilmore where three children were born in the 1890s. Joe went to school in Mirboo North in Victoria. The family later moved to Queensland.

Joe, a labourer, enlisted at Miles, Queensland, on June 14, 1916. During training he was allocated to the 4th Pioneer Battalion as a private with service number 3157. With the 7th Reinforcements, Joe embarked at Brisbane on A55 Kyarra on November 11, 1916, bound for Plymouth.

While stationed at Fovant in Wiltshire with a training battalion, Joe was treated for mumps at the Parkhouse Military Hospital in April 1917. On July 11, he was transferred to the 26th Battalion, and his service number was amended to 3157A.

In October 1917 Joe proceeded to Belgium from Southampton via Le Harve, to join his Battalion which was about to move south into France. The 26th took part in two attacks east of Flers in the Somme Valley, both floundered in mud and slush. In early February 1918 Joe became sick with trench fever and was transferred to England where he was admitted first to hospital in Eastbourne, Sussex, and on March 1, to the Hurcott camp in Wiltshire.

After recovery, on May 15, 1918, Joe proceeded, to join his Battalion in France. During the next twelve weeks the 26th Battalion undertook small patrols and raiding parties in preparation to major advances along the Hindenburg Line. Joe was wounded in action on June 12, and returned to the front two days later.

On August 8, 1918, the AIF 2nd Division advanced from Villers-Bretonneux in the Battle of Amiens; Joe was killed in action that day. He was first buried nearby in the Card Copse Cemetery, near Marcecave, and in 1920 his remains were transferred to the new Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery.

Joe was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, and together with a scroll and plaque, his medals were sent to his father in 1921.