

## Albert Parrish

A Gerringong farmer, Albert Parrish was born at Foxground, son of Thomas and Susanna.

Albert embarked at Brisbane on HMAT Kyarra on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1916, with the 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement of the 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF, joining the Pioneers in Egypt.



HMAT Kyarra

Age	27	years	7	months
Height	5	feet	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	inches
Weight	11	lbs.		
Chest Measurement	35		39	inches
Complexion	dark			
Eyes	greyish			
Hair	brown			
Religious Denomination	C of E.			

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

### CORPORAL A. PARRISH.

We deeply regret to hear Mr. T. Parrish of Gerringong, on Saturday had the sad news conveyed to him, his second son Corpl. A. Parrish, had also paid the supreme sacrifice in giving his life for his country, having fallen in the recent heavy fighting in France.

Throughout the district the greatest sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Parrish, who have been called upon to bear double bereavement in the loss sustained by the death of their two brave sons, who so readily went forth to do their best in the Empire's cause whose names are now enshrined in the roll of those mourned by their country and in the homes left desolate. The late Pte. Parrish was a young man of excellent character with fine prospects on the land, that were given up early in the war, in his patriotic endeavor to serve his country, he having left the Northern River to enlist, some 3 years ago. Only a few months ago Mr. Parrish was notified of the death, in action, of his other soldier son, Pte. B. Parrish.

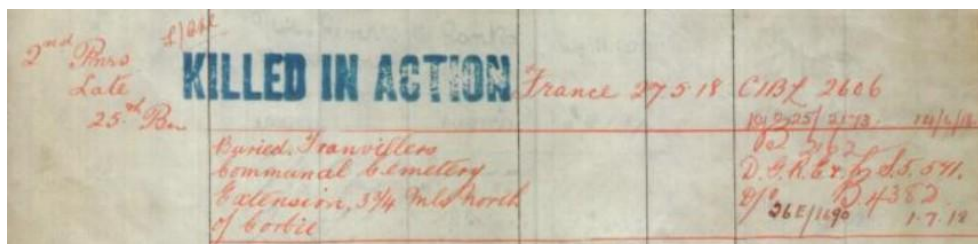
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Albert was killed in action on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1918 at Pont Noyelle by a bursting shell. According to Lieut. Grove of the Australian Pioneers:

*He worked at the Q.M.'s store. His brother was killed at Westhoek Ridge, Ypres, last year, and I was with his brother too when he was killed. A. Parrish was good looking, about 5 ft 10, clean shaven, and very quiet. I was about ¼ mile away from him at the time, and didn't see him killed. He was killed by an aeroplane bomb while looking after the store on the Main Albert-Amiens Road. He was killed instantly.*

And this account from Cpl. Smith of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Pioneers:

*He was killed instantly by a shell in the evening just before dark. He was buried at Franvillers by the Padre, and a proper cross was put up. I took his job over after he was hit. Jerry was shelling, and instead of staying in the dug-out he went into a field and was hit there. Two or three others were killed with him.*



Albert's younger brother Thomas Lindsay Parrish was killed earlier in 1917. Both Parrish boys attained the rank of Lance Corporal.



The grave of 5068 Private (Pte) John Cook Smith of Darling River, NSW, 27th Battalion, killed in action (KIA) 7 June 1918, in Franvillers Cemetery. Left to right is the grave of 3862 Pte Horace Pearce of Richmond, NSW, 20th Battalion, KIA 5 June 1918; 4851A Corporal Gerald Saville Maxwell of Bendigo, Vic, 28th Battalion, KIA 1 June 1918; 1942 Sapper Frederick Lawrence Green of Kyneton, Vic, 7th Field Company Australian Engineers, KIA 27 May 1918 (deceased's uncle and four cousins were killed in action); 6176 Pte Frederick William Masson (Frederick William Deakin Masson) of Northam, WA, 28th Battalion, KIA 1 June 1918; **3608 Lance Corporal (L Cpl) Albert Parrish of Gerringong, NSW, 2nd Australian Pioneers, KIA 27 May 1918 (brother of 3607 L Cpl Thomas Lindsay Parrish, 2nd Australian Pioneers, who died of wounds 25 September 1917)**; 6649 (Roll of Honour shows 6640) Pte John Reid, enlisted Claremont, WA, 28th Battalion, KIA 1 June 1918. This

image is one of a set of photographs of the original graves of some members of the 27th Battalion. The Battalion funded the purchase of the camera through its adjutant Captain (Capt) Southon for 5541 Pte G R Barrington to photograph the graves. The camera and negatives were then acquired by Major John L Treloar on behalf of the Australian War Museum, reimbursing costs for the camera to Capt Southon.



