

## The AIF Project



### Herbert CHIPPINDALL

Regimental number	18437
Place of birth	Molong New South Wales
Religion	Roman Catholic
Occupation	Clerk
Address	Perkins Street, Newcastle, New South Wales
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	20
Next of kin	Father, H H Chippindall, Perkins Street, Newcastle, New South Wales
Previous military service	16th Infantry
Enlistment date	21 September 1915
Rank on enlistment	Gunner
Unit name	Field Artillery Brigade 7, Battery 25 (/showUnit?unitCode=ART.FAB7B25)
AWM Embarkation Roll number	13/35/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A8 <i>Argyllshire</i> on 11 May 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Bombardier
Unit from Nominal Roll	7th Field Artillery Brigade
Recommendations (Medals and Awards)	Military Medal
	Recommendation date: 26 October 1917
Fate	Returned to Australia 29 May 1919
Medals	Military Medal

At ZONNEBEKE on the 12th October 1917 during the attack on the PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE Gunner Chippindall maintained a gun in action under very difficult and dangerous conditions. This Battery entered this operation very much depleted in personnel, practically none of its old N.C.Os being left and its detachments composed very largely of reinforcements quite new to the Battery. It was necessary in several cases to make gunners do the work of N.C.Os and Gunner Chippindall was in charge of a detachment, almost entirely composed of Trench Mortar personnel who were attached as reinforcements. Although in great

pain at the time from swollen feet this young gunner refused to leave his duty. On several occasions the Battery came under very heavy shell fire, and it was almost entirely owing to his leadership that a partially untrained detachment was able to satisfactorily keep a gun in action throughout the entire operations.'  
Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 95  
Date: 27 June 1918

Family/military connections

Brother: 18439 Gunner Leonard CHIPPIINDALL MM, 7th Field Artillery Brigade, returned to Australia, 29 May 1919.

Other details

War service: Western Front

Medals: Military Medal, British War Medal, Victory Medal

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