

**PTE ERNEST A. PHILLIPS 10941**

**5th Battalion, Ox & Bucks Light Infantry  
Killed in action 27.05.1917**

Pte Phillips first went to France in May 1915 and survived two years of fierce fighting before being killed. On 3 May, the 5th Battalion had been heavily engaged in the great British offensive on a 12-mile front to the east of Arras. During this action, out of 12 officers and 523 NCOs and men who went into battle, only 4 officers and 232 NCOs and men survived, one of whom was Pte Phillips.

By 4 May, the remnants of the battalion were moved to a relatively quieter part of the line. Ironically, during the next four weeks they only sustained one casualty: this is thought to have been Pte Phillips,

who is listed as killed in action on 27 May.

Ernest A. Phillips was buried in London Cemetery at Neuville-Vitasse, France.