

# **Philip Allan LANG**

## **Maternal Great Grandfather**



### **World War 1**

Philip Allan Lang was the first of the brothers to enlist, doing so on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1915 in Ballina, New South Wales. He was 25 years of age at the time, living in Woodburn and working as a grocers assistant. He was possibly working in the general store at Woodburn that had been earlier started by his father Alexander and his uncle John Lang.

### **Corporal at the A.I.F Headquarters (Australian Imperial Force).**

**Regimental number:** 9

**Date of enlistment:** 17th March 1915

**Return to Australia:** 28th August 1919

**Number** 9

**Rank** Private

**Unit** 7 Infantry Brigade Headquarters (June 1915 )

**Ship Name** HMAT Aeneas

**Ship number** A60

**Date of embarkation** 29 June 1915

**Place of embarkation** Brisbane

Phillip Allan Lang was awarded the following honours:

Mention in Despatches

Recommendation for P A Lang to be awarded a Mention in Despatches

Service Number 9

Rank Corporal

Unit 7th Brigade Headquarters

Date of Award 9 March 1918

Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Medical Examination done 17th March 1915. Fit for active service.

Place: Ballina

Name: Philip Allan LANG

Age: 25yrs

Height: 5 feet 8inches

Weight: 9 stone 11 pounds

Chest Measurement: 34 inches

Eyes: Brown

Hair: Brown

Complexion: Dark

Religious Denomination: Presbyterian

Birthplace: Riley, Woodburn NSW

Certificate of Commanding Officer: appointed Philip to Headquarters 7th Infantry Brigade on 7th Jun 1915 at Greenhill Camp Alderley, Brisbane.

Philip serviced in the Military Police, Victoria Barracks from 17 Mar 1915 to 15 May 1915.

Headquarters 7th Infantry Brigade: 16 May 1915.

Leave from France: 12 Nov 1917 to 26 Nov 1917

Specially mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch of 7 Nov 1918 in France.

Promoted to Corporal 19 Feb 1916

Joined B.E.P disembarked Marseilles 14 Mar 1916

19 Oct 1918 Went to England on leave

Return to Australia "Kanowra" 28 Aug 1919 from London.

Dated:1st Nov 1918. To: Mr Alexander, Lang, Ballina, New South Wales.

*Dear Sir, I have much please in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Fourth Supplement, No. 30706, to the "London Gazette," dated 28th May 1918, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by the undermentioned member of the Australian Imperial Force. Mentioned in Despatches. The following is a continuation of Sir D. Haig's despatch of the 7th Apr, 1918, submitting names deserving of special mention: - No. 9 Corporal P.A. LANG. " The above has been promulgated in "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette," No. 165, dated 24th October, 1918, Yours Faithfully, Captain xxxxx.*

RECEIVED from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of  
Defence, one Certificate for Mention in Despatches, London Gazette  
No. 30706/1918. (Ex No. 9, Cpl. P. A. Lang, 7th Inf. Bde. HQ.)

*P. A. Lang* (Signature).  
18-3-20 (Date).

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CENTRAL 3606

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VICTORIA BARRACKS

Melbourne, 1st November, 1918.

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Mr. Alexander Lang,  
Ballina,  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

Yours faithfully,

Captain.  
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for Officer i/c Base Records.

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