

Joseph Mark HIRST



Pre-enlistment:

- Joseph HIRST was born in Melbourne to parents, Joseph and Helena HIRST, State School, Aspley, Queensland and a native of Sydney
- His occupation on enlistment was that of a clerk
- His place of association prior to enlistment was Townsville
- Previous Military Service was with the Artillery Volunteer Force, Brisbane and Townsville
- His brother, W HIRST, obtained a Military Medal; his step brother: T Hensley, obtained his Commission as Lieutenant.

Military Records

- Service Number: 4691
- Joseph HINGST enlisted on 1 or 23 February 1915 as a Gunner, aged 22 years 5 months
- On 10 August 1915 he was attached to 3rd Field Artillery Brigade, Third Ypres
- He and his Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board RMS Persia on 10 August 1915
- On 29 September 1915 he transferred to 4th Artillery Division, in Tel-el-Kebir, the Australian Army Training Camp in Egypt
- On 19 March 1916 he was promoted Sergeant
- On 1 June 1916 he embarked Alexandria, then disembarked Marsailles on 10 June 1916
- He was promoted 2nd Lieutenant 20 June 1916 in the Field
- On 25 June 1916 he was Taken on Strength in the Field
- He was promoted Lieutenant on 1 October 1916
- On 19 September 1917 he was transferred to 10th Field Artillery Brigade
- Lieutenant Joseph HIRST was Killed in Action 21 September 1917 at Ypres, Belgium aged 26 years
- His war service was in Egypt and on the Western Front.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Birr Cross Roads Cemetery (Plot IV, Row C, Grave No. 8), Zillebeke, Belgium
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel Number 16

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Joseph Hirst was amember of the Townsville Rifle Club.

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Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=5477290>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=138724>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/265668>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1631003>
- 'The Townsville Cenotaph World War I Soldiers' by Carolyn Lee Larard and Maureen Valda Newnham