

Robert Morrison PHISTER

Pre-enlistment:

- Robert was born in 1863 in Ipswich, QLD or Millmerran, Qld. He was the second of eight children of Robert Morrison Phister (born 1863 in Ipswich, QLD) and Janet King (born 1871 at Leyburn, QLD).
- He was educated at State Schools
- His next of kin was listed as his mother, Janet PHISTER
- His occupation was that of a Station Hand at Millmeran at the time of enlistment



Military Records

- Service Number 6551
- Robert PHISTER enlisted on 22 March 1916 in Toowoomba QLD as a Private aged 20 years 3 months with the 15th Infantry Battalion, 21st Reinforcements, 2 Platoon A Coy
- On 21 October 1916 embarked as a Private, with 15th Infantry Battalion, on HMAT Boonah, from Brisbane.
- He disembarked at Plymouth on 10 January 1917 when he joined 4th Training Battalion
- He spent time in hospital with mumps at Codford
- He proceeded overseas to France, from Folkstone on 20 March 1917
- He was Taken on Strength by 15th Battalion in Etaples on 25 March 1917 when he took up duty in the field
- Private Robert Morrison PHISTER died of gunshot wounds received in action on 27 September 1917 Belgium, aged 21 years
- His war service was on the Western Front.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: No known grave - "Known Unto God"
- Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Panel 17
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel Number 77
- Menin Gate Memorial (Commonwealth Memorial to the Missing of the Ypres Salient)
- Millmerran War Memorial

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Robert (Roy) Phister was a member of the Millmerran Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/DetailsReports/ItemDetail.aspx?Barcode=8014730&isAv=N>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=240924>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/98436>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1654876>
- Rifle Club Members-KIA WW1-1905 by Brian Rough – from Bruce Scott, in my files