

# **RICHARD WILFRED PHILLIPS**

**Sapper  
WR/265269**

**261st Railway Company, Royal Engineers  
died on  
Tuesday 16th September 1919  
aged 20**

**RICHARD WILFRED PHILLIPS  
is buried in  
DUNKIRK TOWN CEMETERY  
France**

Dunkirk witnessed the landing of the British Expeditionary Force in September and October 1914. Throughout the First World War it was a seaplane base and later an American Naval Air Service base. The town was also a French hospital centre and the 8th Canadian Stationary Hospital was there from November 1918 to April 1919. Although an estimated 7,500 shells and bombs fell on the town during the war, ship building and other port activities continued. Dunkirk Town Cemetery contains 460 Commonwealth burials of the First World War. Richard Wilfred Phillips is buried in Plot V. Row A. Grave 22.



Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
PHILLIPS	R. E.	Spt.	239339
	M. S. L. I.		25639
	R. E.	WR/	265269
Richard W.			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	R. E. / 102 / 1357	9850	
BRITISH	---	---	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

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Richard Wilfred Phillips was born in Colwall in 1888 one of the four children of Richard and Sarah Phillips. The family lived in Hope End Lodge and Richard the father was a general labourer on the estate. In 1911 Wilfred was a domestic gardener. He married Amy Edith Franklin in Colwall in June 1914. Wilfred enlisted in the Royal Engineers, then he served with the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. He was serving again with the Royal Engineers engaged on post-war clearance when he died in September 1919. He is buried in Dunkirk Town Cemetery.