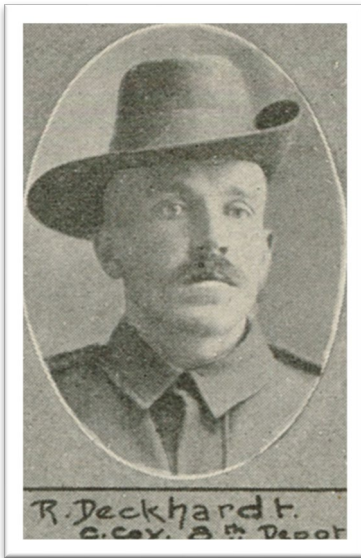


## DECKHARDT, Robert



R. Deckhardt C Coy. 8th Depot, *The Queenslander Pictorial*, supplement to *The Queenslander*, 1916. (2014). John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland.



Informal photograph of members of the 42nd Battalion, just out of the line, washing the mud off their gum boots. Identified, left to right: (standing along the brick wall) 16 Lance Corporal (L Cpl) James Frederick Buckley (wounded in action 31 July 1917 - returned to Australia for discharge on 8 April 1919); 313 L Cpl Robert Deckhardt (killed in action 12 October 1917); unidentified; possibly 3310 Private (Pte) Joseph Howard Hockings; others along the wall are unidentified. Standing in the foreground and washing their boots are: Sergeant Reid and 433 Pte David Miller (killed in action 31 July 1917). Australian War Memorial (Photo out of copyright)

Rank: Lance Corporal

Service Number: 313

Unit: B Company, 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Place of Birth: Holm, Lublin, Russian Poland

Date of Birth: c 1888

Enlisted at Rockhampton 6 November 1915 age 27 years 5 months. Next-of-kin was unknown. On enlistment he was 5 feet 6 inches and weighed 11 stone 3 lbs. His chest measurement was 39 inches. His occupation was fireman (marine). Deckhardt proceeded overseas to France on 25 November 1916. He was admitted to hospital on 5 March 1917 with a septic foot and discharged to duty on 9 March 1917. He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 5 August 1917 and was killed in action in the field in Belgium on 12 October 1917. Deckhardt is commemorated at Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium.

On a previous enlistment form in Moss Vale, New South Wales, Deckhardt named his brother, John Deckhardt, of Cholm, Russian Poland, as next-of-kin.

Service Record: [View digital copy \(naa.gov.au\)](#)

Enlistment Record in 1914: [View digital copy \(naa.gov.au\)](#)

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