SCHMIDT, Charles

Rank: Corporal

Service Number: 766

Unit: 12th Machine Gun Company

Place of Birth: Monal, via Gladstone, Queensland

Date of Birth: 8 January 1898

Enlisted at: Rockhampton, Qld on 5 January 1917, aged 18 years 9 months.

Next-of-kin was father, Mr CF (Charles Frederick) Schmidt, Many Peaks, via Gladstone, Qld. (Mother: Jessie (Bell) Schmidt).

On enlistment he was 5 ft 10 inches and weighed 140 lbs. His chest measurement was 36 inches. His occupation was grocer's assistant, Gladstone, Queensland. Served previously for one year in Port Curtis Infantry (citizen forces). Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A71 *Nestor* on 21 November 1917. Served in Egypt and Suez, then France. Wounded in action, France GSW right upper arm, 8 August 1918. Taken to England to Fort Pitt Hospital. Transferred to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital. In hospital for six weeks. Medical report on 11 January 1920 states: Since GSW ... complains of numbness along the course of the ulna nerve. No other disability. No wasting and does not appear to be any great weakness. Returned to Australia 15 November 1919.

Brothers Leonard and James SCHMIDT also served WW1.

Charles and Leonard Schmidt honoured on Ubobo Honour Roll (located Ubobo Memorial Hall, Ubobo, Qld.)

James, Leonard and Charles honoured on Many Peaks Honour Board (located Grand Hotel, Many Peaks, Qld.)

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