

## SHUCK, Thomas

Rank: Private

Service Number: 132

Unit: 11<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Company

Place of Birth: Alcester, Warwickshire, England

Date of Birth: c. 1889

Enlisted at: Rockhampton, Qld on 5 February 1916, aged 27 years 1 month.

Next-of-kin was father, William Shuck, Hazeldean via Gladstone, Qld.

On enlistment he was 5 ft 7 inches and weighed 10 stone 7 lbs. His chest measurement was 34 inches. His occupation was station hand, Hazeldean, (Mr Farmer) via Gladstone. Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A30 *Borda* on 5 June 1916. Proceeded overseas to France from Southampton on 23 November 1916. Sick to hospital (scabies) 9 May 1917. Rejoined unit from hospital 16 May 1917. To hospital with furunculosis (boils) 20 March 1917. Returned to duty 20 June 1917. To hospital sick 28 September 1917 (impetigo and scabies). 14 October 1917 admitted to hospital with ICT (Inflammation of Connective Tissue)\* Knee. Rejoined unit 28 December 1917. Marched out for demobilization 2 April 1919.

Returned to Australia 10 May 1919.

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

*Paulette Flint, 2024*

*\* NOTE: The medical history of the Great War explains that I.C.T. was a general term for suppurating skin diseases (Pyodermia), caused mainly due to parasitic disease, but did not include scabies. This was extremely common among soldiers in the Great War due to the dirty conditions they had to live in.*