

STEEL, Robert Martin

Rank: Sapper

Service Number: 5423

Unit: 1st Tunnelling Company/September 1916 Reinforcements

Place of Birth: Galston, Ayrshire, Scotland.

Date of Birth: c. 1892

Enlisted at: Brisbane, Qld on 25 January 1916, aged 23 years 5 months

Next-of-kin was mother, Helen Martin Steel, Tivoli Hill, North Ipswich, Qld.

On enlistment he was 5 ft 7.5 inches and weighed 150 lbs. His chest measurement was 35.5-38 inches. His occupation was miner. Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A23 *Suffolk* on 29 September 1916. Proceeded overseas to France 1 January 1917. Wounded in action France 5 May 1917 GSW right arm and face. Wounded in action France, second occasion, gassed, 13 March 1918. Returned to Australia 24 January 1919. Died 8 March 1964.

Medals: British War Medal; Victory Medal.

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

Paulette Flint, 2024