ULLMAN, John Frederick

Rank: Lance Sergeant

Service Number: 3549

Unit: 2nd Pioneer Battalion/26th Battalion, 8th reinforcement

Place of Birth: Gladstone, Queensland

Date of Birth: 25 January 1895

Enlisted at Rockhampton, Queensland on 1 September 1915, aged 20 years 8 months.

Next-of-kin was mother, Teresa Ullman (nee Marek), Calliope via Gladstone, Queensland. Father Carl Ullman.

On enlistment he was 5 feet 7 inches and weighed 9 stone 7 lbs. His chest measurement was 33-35.5 inches. His occupation was labourer. Unit embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board HMAT A55 *Kyarra* on 3 January 1916. Wounded in action in the field 14 November 1916 GSW right leg severe. Admitted to hospital. Transferred to England hospital. Proceeded overseas to France 3 May 1917. To be Lance Corporal 5 July 1918. Mentioned in dispatches 16 March 1919. Returned to Australia 4 May 1919. Married Millicent Constance Bennedick 24 January 1924. Date of death 13 April 1968, aged 73 years.

6 Mar 1919: Honoured Mention in Dispatches - for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of 16 April 1918 north of Buire. Volunteered to start on the heavily shelled portion of the trench under construction. He worked calmly and steadily under heavy fire. By his courage and devotion to duty he enabled the start of work at one of the worst parts. His disregard to danger was an inspiration to his comrades. London Gazette on 11 July 1919, page 8833, position 33 Commonwealth of Australia Gazette on 30 October 1919, page 1653, position 100.

Medals: Mentioned in Dispatches London Gazette 31448, 11 July 1919; Commonwealth Gazette 124, 30 October 1919.

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