

WOODWARD, William Thomas



William Thomas WOODWARD, Mount Larcom
26th Battalion 4533

Rank: Private

Service Number: 4533

Unit: 26th Battalion, 11th Reinforcement

Place of Birth: Bundaberg, Queensland

Date of Birth: 15 July 1883 (Parents John Woodward/Charlotte Reid)

Enlisted at: Rockhampton, Qld on 11 October, 1915 aged 32 years 2 months

Next-of-kin was father, John Woodward, Mount Larcom, Queensland.

On enlistment he was 5 ft 10 inches and weighed 14 stone. His chest measurement was 35-37 inches. His occupation was carpenter, Mount Larcom, Qld. Unit embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board HMAT A16 *Star Of Victoria* on 30 March 1916. Died: 28 August 1953. Buried Mount Thompson Memorial Gardens and Crematorium, Qld.

Medals: 'During the attack near BEAUREVOIR, east of PERONNE, on 3rd October 1918, this man was in charge of a party which he had organised on our right flank. Observing that an enemy machine gun was firing into our troops from the right, he with his party took up an exposed position, sniping at the machine gun position and gradually working up to it, eventually rushed the gun and crew, capturing it. 25 prisoners were taken in this machine gun post, including a Battalion Commander and part of his staff. His coolness and courage in a difficult position gained the admiration of his comrades, and set a fine example to them all. Throughout the whole action this

man displayed great fighting qualities and absolute disregard for personal safety.' Source:
'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 115 Date: 10 October 1919.

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

Paulette Flint, 2024