

## SCHMIDT, Leonard



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85/1286-1106 Photographic negative, studio portrait of Leonard Schmidt, World War One, Gunner, 3 Field Artillery Brigade (15th Reinforcements), soldier, glass / silver / gelatin, owned by Tyrrell's bookstore, Sydney, Australia, March-April 1916

Rank: Private/Gunner/Sergeant

Service Number: 12468

Unit: 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Brigade, 15<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Place of Birth: Monal, Queensland

Date of Birth: 29 May 1895

Enlisted at Rockhampton, Qld on 15 September 1915 aged 20 years 3 months.

Next-of-kin was mother, Mrs Jessie Schmidt, Many Peaks, via Gladstone, Qld. Father Charles Schmidt. Two brothers also served: Charles (jnr) and James Clifford. All feature on Many Peaks Honour Board (located in Many Peaks Hotel, Boyne Valley, via Gladstone, Queensland).

On enlistment he was 6 feet 3 inches and weighed 10 stone 6 lbs. His chest measurement was 34-36 inches. His occupation was carter. He served for 18

months with Port Curtis 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry. Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A71 *Nestor* on 9 April 1916. Served France. Promoted to Bombardier 29 November 1917. Sick to hospital laryngitis 23 March 1918. Promoted Temp Corporal 23 September 1918. Promoted Temp Sergeant 3 October 1918. Returned to Australia per *Borda* 11 May 1919.

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

*Paulette Flint, 2024*