

# Charles Stewart CRAIES



## Pre-enlistment:

- Charles was born on 28 Sept 1890, in Warwick, Qld
- His parents were Stuart Montaque & Florence Ella Violet (nee Hillcoat) Craies, of Park Road, Milton, Brisbane. The parents were married on 14 October 1889.
- He attended Townsville Grammar School for his education
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a Shipping Clerk with the Adelaide Steamship Co, Townsville
- After the war, Craies Street in Belgian Gardens, Townsville was changed from Hubert Street in memory of William Alexander and Charles Stuart Craies, killed in action in World War I.

## Military Record

- Service Number: 5064
- Charles CRAIES enlisted in Townsville on 30 September 1915 aged 25 years, as a Private
- He was attached to the 9th Battalion, 13-23 Reinforcements then later the 49th Battalion
- He embarked from Sydney with his Unit on HMAT A16 Star of Victoria on 31 March 1916. Then on 5 May he disembarked at Port Said.
- He embarked "Huntspill" at Alexandria for France and disembarked at Marseilles in France on 14 June 1916
- On 18 August 1916 he was admitted to hospital with an illness and Taken on Strength on 19 August by the 49th Battalion..
- Private Charles Stuart CRAIES was Killed in Action at Mouquet Farm at Pozieres, France on 1 September 1916, aged 26 years
- His service was on the Western Front.

## Cemetery &/or Memorial

- No known grave
- Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel Number 148
- City of Townsville WW1 Honour Roll
- Milton Christ Church Honour Board
- Townsville Cenotaph
- Townsville City Council Roll of Honour
- Townsville Grammar School WWI Honour Board

## Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

## Rifle Shooting

- Charles Craies was a member of Townsville Rifle Club

## ACWM Commemoration Service

## Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3438586&S=28&R=0>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=65752>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/170858>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1728587>
- 'The Townsville Cenotaph World War I Soldiers' by Carolyn Lee Larard and Maureen Valda Newnham