

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