

## CHARLES VICTOR CLYDE MORLEY

Charles Morley was the 17<sup>th</sup> child of Sarah (nee Dove) and Jesse Morley of Gormandale. By WW1, Jesse had died. He had died in 1897 and both he and Sarah are buried in Traralgon. Five of their sons enlisted in WW1. Three died overseas and Archie came home disabled. He gave his mother, Sarah, as next of kin.

The other Morleys were:-

4479	George Thomas	KIA 5/8/1916 at Pozieres, France
5882	Ernest Edward	Died of wounds 14/5/1917 – Rouen, France
1501	Robert Herbert	KIA 31/10/17 – Beersheba, Gaza
5883	Archie Cortnege	Returned home, injured and permanently disabled.

Charles was allowed special early discharge, because of the all that had happened to the family during the war years. Apart from Sarah being a widow, 3 sons had died, one was injured (Archie was returned to Australia in November 1917 and was discharged on 26 December 1917 with a fractured left clavicle, due to a gunshot wound).

Other reasons why he had applied for an early discharge were that he had a brother who needed an urgent eye operation or he would lose his eyesight. Also 2 sisters and one brother had died in Australia since his enlistment. He heard on 16 May 1918, that his request had been granted.

Service Number	1494
Enlistment	7th July 1915 in Melbourne as a Private
Embarkation Unit on Enlistment	29 October 1915 from Melbourne on board HMAT A56 <i>Palermo</i> 4 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment, 11 <sup>th</sup> Reinforcement
Returned to Australia	31 <sup>st</sup> July 1918

Charles enlisted on the same day in Melbourne as his brother, Robert and both joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Light Horse and embarked together. They were the first of the brothers who enlisted. Charles was aged 20 and a single farmer. After the war he continued as a dairy farmer in Gormandale until he passed away in Sale in 1994.

He spent his time in the Middle East with the 4<sup>th</sup> Light Horse as a trooper, while at times stepping up to be temporarily placed as shoemaker, or driver, to replace others while they were having treatments in hospital. He was admitted to hospital for nearly a month suffering from mumps not long after arriving in Egypt but this seems like the only time.

He returned from Suez on the SS, *Port Darwin*. *He arrived in Australia in early September and was discharged on 3 September 1918.*

Charles Victor Morley married Gladys Mary (Coulson) on 8 December 1920 in Victoria and they had 2 children, Victor and Robert.

His wife died on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1923, aged 25, and is buried in Traralgon with Charles.

Charles continued to dairy farm at Gormandale right up until his death on 24 November 1954, aged 60.

His mother, father and some sisters are also buried in Traralgon, and George Thomas is memorialised on his father's grave.

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Gippsland Memorial Park  
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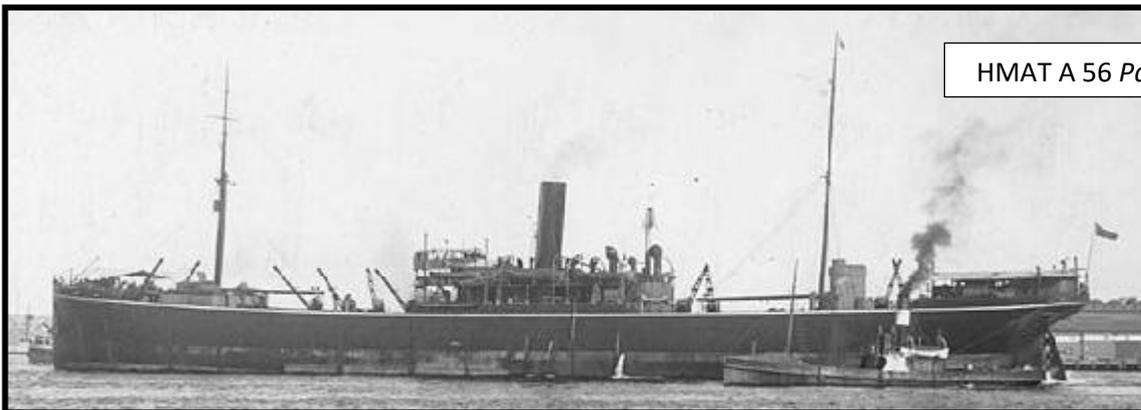
The 1914-1915 Star



The British War Medal



Victory Medal



HMAT A 56 *Palermo*

SS *Port Darwin*

