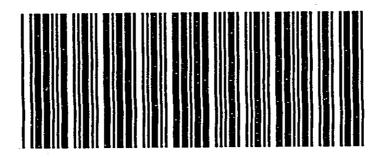
## Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War 1DRL/0428

# 3399 Private Ralph Victor Sanders

52nd Battalion



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He trace Germany. Capt. Hills 10.10.19.

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SANDERS. 3399. Ralph Victor.

### " Missing L.9.10."

Now reported Killed in Action 4.9.10. Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 15.0.17.

London. 21.0.17.

P.I. P. A.I.P.

SANDERS. R.V. and 2 others.

## M/4th.September 1916.

These three men come over in the same Reinf. with me, from Australia. They want into MV pl.D.Co. I transferred to the 112 Howitzer Bettery. After the batt. came of the ection carly in Sept. I went across and saked some of the men I knew how Horace Allen had got on. Pte. W. Coppin. XIV pl. D.Co. informed me that he had noon him lying wounded in a shell hole. Allen had been shot in the stomach. Coppin said Keith Randell and Ralph Sanders stayed with him. That was the last seen of them. This was at Moquet Farm. It is possible all three are prisoners, though I fear there is little hope of that, as the ground they lay on was held Reference: Bomb.R.Gilbert, 3368. A.sub-sectn., by our men.

No. 26 General.

3.11.16. 3A .



52nd A.I.F.

Sanders, Pte. R.V. 3399,

H. Sept. 4th 1916.

Informant stat s that on Tept. 2nd he saw the dead body of Pte. Sanders on the parapet to the Left of Loquet Farm.

Reference: Hack Pte. 3711, 52nd A.I.F.

3rd London General Hospital, Wardsworth Common, B 5 Ward.

Nov. 6.16.

3399. R.V.SAEDERS 3393. R.H. RAEDELL. 3348. Horace.B.Allen

#### "Missing 4-9-16"

From the enquiries I have mode at Bettalion Orderly Room and amongst some of the boys who were in that push, the details are very meagre and I cannot trace them at all beyond the ptint when they were seen last (I am referring to H.Allen and R.Sanders) the same day as the push, when the rumour says, they were as amug as could be improving their little bit of trench. They were quite inseparable friends and I am as sure, as the sun brings morning, that they passed over together hand in hand. As for as R.H.Randell is concerned I recret to say I cannot find the slightest details.

As I knew Randell the less intimately of the three

Is I knew Randell the less intimately of the three I will deal with him first. He was a splendid man - clean living and conscientious to a degree and was well liked by all who came into contact with him, and I think I can quite safely say that he had the complete trust and confidence of those over him.

that I have been closely connected with them since we first entered camp, fifteen months ago, and you know during that time and when sharing the same tents, one is able to form an opinion as to their characters. There were not two finer and more conscientious men in the battalion. They were both clean living by and splendid specimens of men physically, through constant symmastic training, and they were two, the battalion could ill aflord, to lose.

52nd Battn. A.I.F., (2)

3399. R.V.Sanders 3393. R.H.RANDELL 3348 Horace.B.Allen

As far as I can see there is no hope at all and it would be unkind to make believe otherwise. H.Allen was medium height, very dark and well built and a picture of health. Litheness could be seen in every movement and his unassuming and quiet way of doing things was a real treat to see.

R. Sanders was the friend or chum of H. Allen (and they were quite inseparable) and I will try and say a few words about him. If anything I should say, he was slightly under medium height and looked a wee bit on the slim side - had dark hair, and been dark brown eyes - although of slender build, he was very athletic looking, and as hard as a nail.

Cert. by letter from James Coppin,
52nd Battn, A.I.F.,
Late 14th Platoon
Now H.Q. Sig. Section
25-11-16.

London 27-12-16.

P. & P.I.

SAIDERS R.V. 3399

### "Hissing Sept, 4/16"

I saw him lying dead just on the parapet after we took a German trench. He was killed outright I think by a bullet. I knew him by sight only but he was in my platoon. I think he came from gouth Australia. He was of middle size and sandy complexion and hie nickness was "Sendy"

Reference:- 3711 %.L.Hack 52nd Batt. A.I.F., Ward 12 Harefield Hospital. 5,3.17.

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Sanders. Per R.V. 3399. 52nd batt.

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