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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1587 Trooper
William Charles Ward

12th Light Horse



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A.I.F. 12th L.H.R.

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Died near Wady Sihan (in the field) outside Gaza - Buried 19-4-17
Grave reference map Haza X 400000 15 B.3 by Chaplain Rev.D.W.Weir
C/E - wounds attended to by 4th L.H.Fld.Amb.
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12th Light Horse.
6th Reinf.

WARD, W.C.
1587 Tpr.

Died of wounds 1917. 19/4/17

I know Ward. He did not die of wounds. I saw him before leaving England at Monte Video hospital. His ankles had been broken and he was wearing surgical boots and undergoing special treatment. He is a short nuggetty chap, Full faced and no friend of mine.

Informant: Green, Pte.
12th Light Horse.
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

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6/11/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

to Base D. 19.1.18
Not Identical

WARD, W.C. Trooper, No. 1587.

12th Light Horse
6th Reinfts. "Died of Wounds 1917" 19-4-17

I knew Ward well; he belonged to our Concert Party when we were on the Canal. His number was about 1563, and he was a 6th or 7th Reinforcement. He was average height, rather elderly - about 40 years. He was killed on 19/4/17 at Gaza. I did not see him but I picked the fatigue party, which I sent out to bury him. He was hit after we retired and was carried back well behind the lines, and his body was placed near our Headquarters until we had time to bury him. The Chaplain of the 4th Brigade - his name was Woods - or Meyers, and he marked the positions on the map of a lot of the graves. He was buried with others by a fatigue party under the Chaplain.

Informant: Lieut. F.W. Coy,
12th Light Horse "A" Squad.
No.4, Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

A careful reliable witness.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

29. 8.17
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FIELD GATE 15.

12. A.L.H. (D/W 19/4/17) WARD. 1587. W.C.

In 1Troop B.Squad. On April 19during the 2nd Gaza attack at about 11 a.m. A. & B.Sqds: were advancing across the open to a redoubt occupied by enemy;informant behind Ward,saw a shell burst quite near him blowing half his head away,he fell killed outright,& certainly did not die of wounds as put inthe book. informant gave initials correct & says he is certain Ward was killed outright that morning. He especially clearly remembers it as he was the first chap in B.Sqd: to get killed that morning Ward's body was never got in;informant says very soon after they were compelled to retire & ground was occupied by enemy.

Informant: 1448. Tpr: Smith.V.F.
12.A.L.H. 4.Troop.B.Sqd:

J.M.Downes.

Signed

14.A.G.H. Abbassia.
CAIRO. 8/12/17.

DUPLICATE

E. E. F. No Enquiry

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12th.A.L.H. (D/7.19. 4. 17.) WARD.

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Informant says:- "Ward was Killed in action in the 2nd. Gaza Stunt. His home was in Bathurst, New South Wales. He was buried by Padre Weir, and the Cross on his Grave is marked:-

In Loving memory,

of Dear Billy."

Informant:- No.321.Pvr.Hyland

12th.A.L.H.,A.I.F

No.14 Australian General Hospital,

Egypt. 26. 3. 18.

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