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7545 Sergeant
Harold Ross Ramus

7th Battalion



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A.I.F. 7th Bn

RAMUS
H.R. 7545

"D/Wds 18-3-18"

Died of wounds 2nd A.F.Amb. 15-4-18 - died @ 15th C.C.S. 18-4-18
Cert. by Hpl Index

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London
22-5-18

16th Battn.
A.I.F.

RAMUS.
H.R. 75[illegible]5.

"Died of Wounds 18.3.18."

He was in the front line at Dieppe forest at about 5 p.m. when he was hit by a shell which broke his arm and inflicted other wounds. He was taken back to the Dressing Station and died at Eclingham two days later. I did not see it myself but he was a pal of mine both in Australia and France and I made special enquiries. His name was Harold and number 75[illegible]5. He came from freckled Ballarat., was small and well built with reddish hair and ~~[illegible]~~. He came with the 25th reinforcement, and was in D.Coy.

A.G.Campbell,
London.
4.7.18.
J.E.A.

Informant:- White, Sgt. C.S. 7581.
7th Battn. B V.
DARTFORD.

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7th Australian Imperial Force. Ramus, Pte. H.R.
7545

(D/W March 18. 18.Dets
D & B).

" I was on the post with Sergt. Ramus when he was wounded. It was early in March in the early morning, and it was dark. We were in the trench and there was a raid on the post next to us. Enemy artillery opened on us and Sergt. Ramus was badly wounded. He had about a dozen shrapnel wounds. He was taken away at once by stretcher-bearers. He was conscious and in great spirits. I don't know where he was buried. This was at Nieppe Forest. "

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description - Very short, 32 or 33. Came from Melbourne or suburbs. Had been a staff Sergt. in Australia.

Informant :- Pte. A.C.Brodie, 7455,
B Coy. 7th Aus Imp Force,
Horton Hospital, Epsom.

Home address :-
C/O Miss E Brodie,
C/o Mrs. Hare,
Glen Imaal, St.John's Rd,
Sandown.

18. 5. 18
P.A.Floud.

7th AI.F. Ramus. Pte. H.R. 7545.

(D/W. Mar.18/18.)
Dets. D /B.

"Ramus died at 15 Casualty Clearing Station and was buried at the cemetery on the side of the road opposite the C.C.S. and a cross was put up."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: Sgt. J. Charville. 2334.
7th A.I.F. B. VI.
Horton War Hospital,
Epsom.

Home address:
11 Napier St,
Ballarat E. Victoria.

8.7.18.
L.B.Oldfield

7th A.I.F.

Ramus. H.R. 7545.

(D/W. Mar. 18/18.)
Dets. D/B.

"Sgt. Ramus D Coy. XIII Pl. was wounded by a shell outside his trench while looking for hay at night at Hieppe Forest about mid April. He died in hospital and was buried I think near St.Omer. Last entry in Sgt. Ramus's diary now in my possession reads:- "15th April - Last night took over from 8th Batt. - very cold, first meal for 3 days."

Eyewitness: Near.

Description: Belonged to Sportsman's Unit.

Informant: A.H. Cleeland. 68.
7th A.I.F. D Coy.
Bethnal Green Hospital.

Home address:
476 Rathdown St,
North Carlton, Melbourne.

8.7.18.
F.H.Bathurst.

Havre. 9th. July. 1918.

7th. Australians. Ramus, R. H. 7545.

D/D. March 18/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Sergeant Ramus of D. Coy. 13th. Pltn; he came from Melbourne with me in the 25th. to the 7th. Reinforcements in the 'Themistocles' sailing the 4th. August 1917. He was about 30, medium height, slim, auburn hair, clean-shaven. He was with me on a post in front of Hieppe Forest one night in March when he was hit by a whiz bang & very badly wounded. He was conscious & able to speak. He was in great pain & would not allow the S/Bearers to touch him. I heard that the S/Bearers carried him out & that he died at the D/Station & that his Grave was seen but this is only hear say.

Inf:- Private. G. S. Brenchley. 7453.
7th. Australians. D. 13.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

J.A.

RDM.

Havre 13th July 1918.

A.I.F. 7. Ramus H.R. No. 7545.

D/D 18th March 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well, He came with me in the 25th Rfmts to the 7th sailing from Melbourne in the Themistocles. I think he was an old soldier. He was a Sergeant when killed. About the 18th March we were at Hellppe front. At night Ramus was going to get some straw from a stack a few yards away when he was hit by a shell and very badly wounded. He was taken straight away to the D/Station. I saw him there and he seemed quite as cheerful as one could expect. He was put on an ambulance and sent to the C.C.S. That is all I know but I heard that he died later.

Inf:- Pte S.B.Freakey No. 7452.
A.I.F. 7. D. XVI.
Austra. Camp.
Rouelles.

J.A.

OWFG.

PP.

7th. Battn. A. I. F.

Ramus, H. R. Pte. No. 7545.
D. Company.

D/W. March 18th. 1918. Det. D/B.

I saw his grave in the cemetry at Evlingham. A cross was erected bearing all particulars. I knew very little of him.

Witness. Sgt. Holland, G. No. 544. C. Company. 7th. Battalion.

Taken at.
No. 3. C. D. Hurdcott.
14. 7. 18.
S. W.

S. Whitmee.
No. 4. Command Depot.
Hurdcott.

A.I.F. 7 RAMUS, H.R. 7545.

D/W March 18th 1918.

There was only one Ramus in our Battn that was a sergt. in D.XIII. which I think must be the man on your list, though you do not give the rank. He was of medium height, and stiffly built, fairish complexion, clean shaven, about 28/30 years old, and was a recruiting Sgt Major in Austrsl ia before he came out. About midday on March 18th he went over the trench papapet on an errand and got hit by a sniper and was killed outright. I saw him shortly after he washit, but with regard to burial I am unable myself to give any account, but Pte Houghton of our D.XIII would be able to give some details on that point. The Sgt was a very popular N.C.O. in the company.

Inf: S.W.James Jacques. 3785. 7.D.XIII.
No. 53 Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 16.7.1918.

HH

Written Houghton 24.7.18

7th A.I.F. Ramus.H.R. 7545.

(D/W. Mar. 18/18.)

"On Mar.18/1918 at Nieppe Wood near La Motle HR. Ramus was very badly wounded, he died a few hours afterwards. I helped to bandage him up and brink him in. He would be buried near."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: W.G.Cumming. 6237.
7th A.I.F.
Clacton Hospital,
Middlesex.

30.7.18.
M.H.Sykes.

O.C. Draft. 23.5.18.

The O.C.
18th Can. Cl. Sp. B.E.F.

7545. Pte H. R. Ramus.
7th Batt. C.I.F.

D. of W. 18.4.18.

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No. Pte Houghton
XIII Platoon - 9. Coy
7th Inf. Batt.
A. J. 7.
B. L. 7.

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7545
Sergt H. A. Ramier
XIII Platoon - 9. Coy
7th Inf. Batt.
A. J. 7.
9/10. 18. 3. 18. B. L. 7.

Written 24. 7. 18

DW 29.5.16

Dear Miss Larkom

In reply to yours beginning of the 22nd inst. concerning 7515 Sgt H. P. Tabb Rowell, beg to inform you that he was admitted to 15 C.C.S on April 16th. 16, suffering from G.S.W. head and the letter, emaciation of the right arm + thigh.

Subsequent Reports have failed from the records of this Church to ascertain if he recovered or died afterwards, but I am fearful he died on April 18th, & was buried by me on April 19th.

For information as to the date of his decease I must refer you to D. G. R. & S, War Office Whitehall House, Whitehall Square, London S.W.

2 b.c.d
B.E.F.

Yours Sincerely
Rev. G. Wacen C.F.