

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

7293 Private
William Edward Ray

16th Battalion



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16th Batta.

RAY
V.E. 7293

Rel. Drowned ex "Boonah" 1/9/18

I am a gunner attached to s.s. "Boonah" I did not personally know Ray but heard his name mentioned after the incident which I witnessed and distinctly remember. We were bringing "convalescents" and mental cases from England to Australia, and were near St. Paul, Island, when this man jumped overboard from just near the "Boonah's" baker's shop. I witnessed this action and the ship was immediately stopped to try and pick him up but heavy seas were running and it was impossible to sight his body. This occurred about 11.20 a.m. on 1st Sept., and as it was a Sunday morning church service was being held and as there were very few on deck the action was not witnessed by many troops.

Leading Seaman Rumney, W.

L.Z. 2493

Imperial Navy.

A. I. Runcie,
H.M.A.T. "BOONAH"
10/6/19.

J.P.A.

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