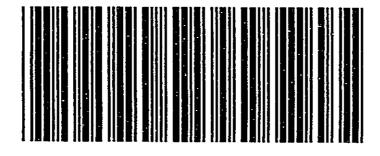
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7293 Private William Edward Ray

16th Battalion



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Hely Drowned ex Boomah 1/9718

I am a gunner attached to a s "Bounah" I did not personally know Ray but heard his name mentioned after the incident which I witnessed and distinctly remember. We were bringing "convalencents" and mental cases from England to Australia, and were near St. Paul. Island, when this man jumped overboard from just near the "Boomah's" baker's shop. I witnessee 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 lat 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 vitnessed by many troops.

Leading Seaman Rumney, W. L.Z. 2493 Imperial Kavy.

A. L. Ruscie, H.W.A.T. BOONAH 10/6/19.

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