

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2184 Private
Claude Ward**

30th Battalion



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30th Batt.
A.I.F.,

C.

WARD

2184

"Missing July 20th 16"

Was in C.Coy. called "Claude" Was a Drover in N.S.W. He was killed during the Fromelles stunt on July 16th-22nd and was brought in from No Man's Land two days after. and buried just behind the lines at Fromelles. I did not see him hit or his grave, but it was generally known in the Batt. and full particulars can be had from Pte S.J.Robertson 3rd reinf. 80th Batt. France.

ReferenceL- 1972 A.B.Curtis,
30th Batt. A.I.F.,
Dartford,
27.4.17.

Note: Written Pte Robertson 5.5.17.

London
7.5.17.
W.G.J.

S.

30th Batt.
3. Rpts.
A.I.F.

Ward,
Claude 2184

"Killed in Action"

Killed in Action 20.7.16 - Previously reported Missing

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters dated 17.8.17

London 21.8.17

S.

30th A. I. F.

C. WARD. 2184.

Missing 20.7.16.

Ward was in the 13 Flat. and Sgt. Bragg of D Co. could, so Informant said, give particulars showing that Ward was killed while fetching in wounded men.

Reference: G. E. Cramb, 858, 57.Bty.15 Bde.A.I.F.

No.5 General, Rouen. 9.12.16.

EMM.

Written by Bragg 19/12/16

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Dec. 8th 1916

AUSTRALIANS 30

WARD C 2184

N. July 20/16

I knew Ward personally. He came from Peramatha N.S.W.
a young, medium coloured unmarried man. He was killed by
machine gun fire at Pickett's on the 20th July in his own
land. His body was not recovered. Not present when this
happened.

Informant C.H. Harvey 1997

30th Australian

No. 2 Gen. Hosp. (Casino)

N.S.W.

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A.I.F..

WARD
C 2184

"Missing 20/2/16"

With reference to yours of 20th Dec. Killed 19/20 July at ---
disc taken off person about fortnight after in our own wire. He
was 6'3", slight and dark.

5/1/9.

Cert. by letter from Sgt. Boyd A. Bragg,
15 Pl. D. Co. 30th Batt. A.I.F.
Ward C

London
16.2.17

S.

30th Btn.

WARD, Pte.
C. 2184.

K. in act. 20/7/16.

"He came away from Australia with Battn. Early in the morning of 20-7-16 we were attacking at Fiers when I saw him hit by a machine gun bullet. He was hit in the head and died an hour later without regaining consciousness. His body was carried back behind the line at Fiers where all our Battalion dead were buried, in Company, military crosses were erected. Padre of our Battalion, officiating. The ground was held. He came from Newcastle District, N.S.W. and was very popular among the boys.
Description:- Height 5 ft. stontly built.

Informant:- Pte. Quinn, T.
30th Btn.

Home address:-

Neymotte Street,

Randwick, N.S.W.

G.H. Borrowdale.

H.M.A.T. "Port Lincoln."

15/9/19.

Telling copy

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Pls. L. Robertson

3rd Remph

30th Baln

A.I.F. B.E.F.

In 2184 Pls C Ward

30 Baln

M.
20-7-16

A.I.P.

I.L.D.

5.5.16

December 20th

Sgt. Dragg.
13th. Platoon. D. Coy
30th. Battn. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir;

We are making inquiries for a man of your battn 2134. C. Ward
30th. Battn. A.I.F. reported Missing 20-7-16; and have been told that
you may be able to help us by giving us some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you could give
us concerning C. Ward, and would also be glad if you could add a short
description of his personal appearance, or any points that would
help us to satisfy his relatives that no error has been made.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully.

Secretary

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Australian Branch, British Red Cross Society
24 Victoria St.
London. SW.

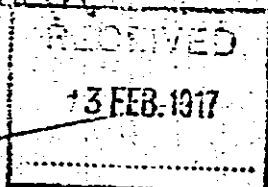
524 Victoria St.
London. E.W.

Sir or Madam, 21st Nov. 1916 M-20-716

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 own wire. It was 5' 9", slight & dark.

13 Fl. DCO Sgt. Pima a Panga
30 Bath Acme



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2184 C Ward
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14th February 1917.

C/Sgt/Major Bragg,
D.Coy.,
30th Aust: Inf: Battn.:
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter in answer to our enquiry
re - 2184 C. Ward, 30th Battalion, A.I.F., Missing 20-7-16 ,

Your definite statement that his disc was handed in a
fortnight later, should put an end to the relatives' suspense,
although Headquarters still list him as Missing, not Killed in
Action.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

V. D.
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