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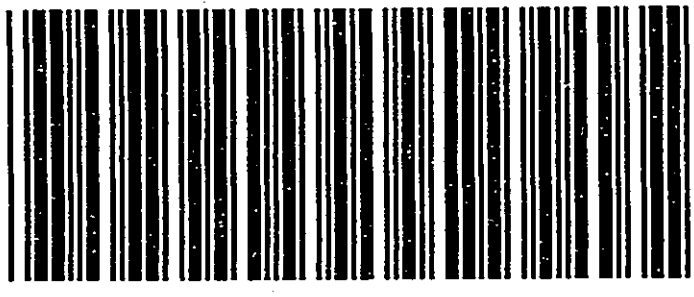
348 Private
David Alexander Ward

19th Battalion



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19th Battn.,
A. I. F.

WARD,
D.A. 348.

Off.R. D/W 27-7-16.

Died on 27-7-16 of Gas poisoning at 44th Casualty Clearing Station, Puchvillers Cemetery.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters 13-11-16.

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London,
16-11-16.

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"Off.R. Died27-7-16.cause
not stated."

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Cert. by- A.I.F. Headquarters on 13-11-16.

He was admitted on the 26th and died on 27-7-16 from gas poisoning.
Cert. by - Ch.of England Chaplain, Cas. Clearing Stn. Nos.33 & 44. on 7-1-17.

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London,
9-1-17.

19th Battalion A.I.F.
A. Company.

WARD, D.A. Pte. 348

Died of Wounds 17/7/16.

I knew Ward slightly. I think he was hit at Steenbach near Armentieres. It was when we were getting ready for our first raid, and the Germans got in on us -- on 3rd or 5th May. It was in the night, about a quarter to eleven. I do not think he was really hit -- it was the concussion of the shell that knocked him out. He was of medium height and fair and came from Sydney. I think he went away with the original Battalion. I saw him fall.

Informant:-- BARNES Pte.
19th Battalion A.I.F., A.Company.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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7.6.17.

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19th Battn., A.I.F.

WARD, D.A
348. Pte.

Died 27/7/16.

I knew Ward - he was gassed on the 26th. I knew him well - we were in the same Section, and he was very popular. We were holding trenches in the village at Pozieres, when gas shells came over. I was wounded and gassed at the same time, but he was not wounded, and did not report. The first shells that came over were the pineapple shells, or tear shells; it was an old trick so that we should not put on our gas masks. The first gas shell was the one that got us and it took us by surprise. I was taken to the Dressing Station, but he stayed behind and died next day before they got him to Hospital.

Informant:- PALMER, L/Cpl., 2195,
19th Battalion, A.I.F.,
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

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17/7/17.

Private Address:- O'Connor Street,
HABERFIELD.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

19th Battalion.

WARD, D.A.
348 pte

Died 27/7/16.

Ward was in A.Co. with me. We were at Pozieres trenches and on 27/7/16 Ward was gassed in the trenches and I assisted to carry him out and the stretcher bearers took him to the dressing Station. He lived next door to me in Sydney and I have seen his people.

Informant: Ariansen, S.A. Pte 156
19th Battalion. A.I.F.
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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November 16th.

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The Chaplain.
44th.Casualty Clearing Station.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

Will you be kind enough to tell us all that you know of the illness and last hours, and burial of 348.Pte.D.A.Ward. 19th.Battn.A.I.F. who died in your station of gas poison on July 27th. and was buried in the Cemetery at Puch Villers? also of 5105.Pte.C.Grainger 4th.Battn.A.I.F. who died of wounds at your station on August 17th. and was buried in the same Cemetery.

With many apologies, and thanking you in anticiaption.

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary.
(A.A.W.)

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