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1907 Sergeant Roland Grant Ward

13th Battalion



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13 A.I.F.

Ward,
Sgt. R.G.
5th Reinforce
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1907

K. in A. 27/8/15.

Ward was killed leading his men at Lone Pine on 27th August. A friend of Ward whose name witness had forgotten, but who worked prior to enlisting in the same Bank with Ward, saw him killed, being right beside him at the time. Witness said he believed Ward worked in the Bank ofN.S.Wales in Sydney.

Witness - Bugler J.W.Lowick, 1848, B.Coy. 13 Battalio
Tel-el-Kebir

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23/2/16

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13 A.I.F.
D Co

WARD
Sgt R.G.

K. in action 27.8.15.

Ward was killed in a charge to the left of Australia Gully on Aug 27. Witness was in the charge and near Ward. Witness fell wounded and was brought in to the Australian lines. The men of his coy told witness Ward was dead. (No further details.)

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D Co,
13 A.I.F.
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5.2.16.

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13th A.I.F. K.in action Aug.27/15 Sgt.R.G.Ward, (5th Reinf.)

There were two or three charges on Knoll 60 between Aug. 21st & 28th. Ward was killed in one of these.
Witness did not see him, being a machine gunner and covering the advance, but he often heard it spoken about, as Ward was considered such a plucky fellow.

Pte. J. Edmunds, 1337.
13th A.I.F.

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13 A.I.F.
5 reinf.

WARD
Sgt R.G.

K/A 27.8.15.

He was killed on the 21st August while leading a charge near Herring's Post. Witness saw the body which was riddled with machine-gun bullets and buried in the vicinity. Witness states Ward was one of the bravest men on the Peninsula. In private life he was a bank clerk.

Ref:- Pte W.G.A.Griffith, 1950,
13 A.I.F.
Moascar Camp, Ismailia.

A.H.
21.2.16.

P.I.

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13 A.I.F.
5 reinf.

WARD
Sgt R.G.

K/A 27.8.15.

He was killed during the fighting at Herring's Post whilst leading his men in the charge on the 27th August. Witness picked the body up and carried it into the trench. There were seven or eight bullet wounds in the body.

Ref:- Sgt Clinan, 1248,
13 A.I.F.
Moascar Camp; Ismailia.

A.H.
21.2.16.

P.I.

13 A.I.F.
5 reinf.

WARD
Sgt R.G.

K/A 27.8.15.

Witness could see from his trench Ward's body lying out in front of the trenches at Herring's Post. He was killed in the last charge A coy made on the 27th August. The body was easily identified as it was only about 25 yards off.

Ref:- Pte C.Ellis, 648,
13 A.I.F.
Moascar Camp, Ismailia.

A.H.
21.2.16.

P.I.

Fullest particulars available wanted regarding

Sergeant R. G. Ward

5th reinforcements

13th Battalion A.I.F.

reported killed in action August 29.

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Inquired for by

S. W. Thornton

Secretary Australian Branch

B. R. C. S.

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SHEPHEARD'S HOTEL

CAIRO January 7th, 1916.

Miss V Deakin

Secretary

Australian Enquiry Bureau

CAIRO

Dear Miss Deakin,

Would you kindly give any information you can obtain about Sergeant R G Ward, 5th Reinforcements, 13th Battalion killed in action on 27th August.

I should be much obliged if I could have this information as soon as possible.

I am,

Yours truly,

Secretary,
Australian Branch,
B.R.C.S.