

## WARD, Alfred

Rank: Private

Service Number: 2685

Unit: 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> reinforcement/4<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Battalion

Place of Birth: Calliungal, Mount Morgan, Queensland

Date of Birth: 2 November 1892

Enlisted at: Enoggera, Queensland on 13 August 1915 aged 22 years 9 months.

Next-of-kin was firstly mother, Mrs Mary Ward, Struck Oil Road, Mount Morgan, then Morgan Street, Many Peaks, Qld. Then from 21 April 1918, next of kin was his wife, Mrs J. E. Ward, Thorpe House, Easbury Park, Winton, Bournemouth, England. Father, Benjamin Gore Ward.

On enlistment he was 5 ft 8 inches and weighed 11 stone 2 lbs. His chest measurement was 33 inches. His occupation was engine driver. Unit embarked from Brisbane, Qld, on board HMAT A55 *Kyarra* on 16 August 1915 to Egypt. Joined unit Lemnos 18 November 1915. Transferred to 4<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Battalion 16 March 1916 at Tel-el-Kebir. Then to France. Wounded in action GSW left forearm France 1 August 1916. Embarked Calais to hospital England, Australian Auxiliary Hospital No 1 Harefield, Middlesex. Returning to Australia per A29 for discharge Neurasthenia\* 21 April 1918. Died 26 June 1981.

*\* 'an ill-defined medical condition characterized by lassitude, fatigue, headache, and irritability, associated chiefly with emotional disturbance' Oxford dictionary.*

Medals: 1914/15 Star; British war Medal; Victory Medal.

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*Paulette Flint, 2024*