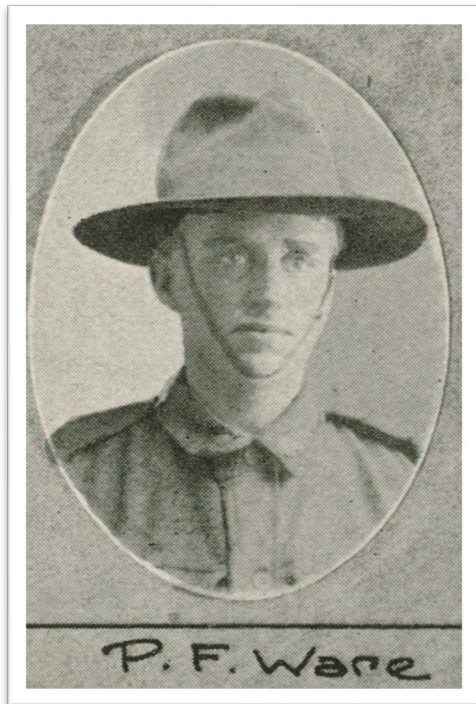


WARE, Percival Frederick



P.F. Ware, one of the soldiers photographed in *The Queenslander Pictorial*, supplement to *The Queenslander*, 1916. (2014). John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland.

Rank: Private

Service Number: 4532

Unit: 26th Battalion, 11th Reinforcement

Place of Birth: Maryborough, Queensland

Date of Birth: 24 December 1891

Enlisted at: Rockhampton, Qld, on 11 October 1915, aged 22 years 10 months.

Next-of-kin was mother, Emily Ware, Airdsvale, Mount Larcom via Gladstone, Qld (Parents George and Emily Ware).

On enlistment he was 5 ft 5.25 inches and weighed 10 stone 2 lbs. His chest measurement was 36 inches. His occupation was farmer, Airdsvale, Mount Larcom via Gladstone, Queensland. Unit embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board HMAT A16 *Star of Victoria* on 30 March 1916. Disembarked at Marseilles 18 May 1916. Joined unit 26 July 1916. Wounded in action 30 August 1916. Shell Shock. Hospital. (See letter to parents attached). Rejoined unit 22 February 1917. Killed in action 22 April 1917. Buried Noreuil Australian Cemetery Row C, Grave 23, France.

Cousins Harold Cooper of Rockhampton and Robert Sheppard and Ernest Sheppard of Moorelands served.

PRIVATE P. F. WARE.

Private P. F. Ware, writing to his mother, Mrs. G. Ware, Airdavae, Mount Lacom, says:—

"I have received from you and all at home numerous letters and was overjoyed to hear from you all once again. This is the first letter that I have written for five weeks; but I think when you hear how things have been going with me lately you will forgive me this time.

"I have been very sick in the Fifteenth General Hospital through a shell bursting in the dug-out that three of us were in, killing my two mates, and how it missed me, I shall never know, but thank God I escaped with severe bruises and hurt internally. I was carried out of the trenches and taken to the hospital with some other boys where we have been until just lately. We are now having a spell in a convalescent camp. I am still very weak; but I hope to be able to join my battalion again before long as we are all needed.

"I have been in the trenches three times since I came here and had the best of luck until this time, so you see that we are not wasting any time since we arrived here.

"I think I told you in my last letter that I could not find any trace of my old pal, Pod, after we came out of the last charge. I have made inquiries at several places but cannot find out what happened to him. I suppose his people will have heard by this all about him so I hope that it is not serious.

"I suppose you have heard in the papers by this all about our great air victory in England. I do not think Fritz will be in too great a hurry to come over again.

"I am very pleased to tell you that when we came out of the trenches last month King George and Lord Birdwood inspected us all in the afternoon and they got a very good welcome from us all as we were glad to see such noble men amongst us."

Letter to parents published in Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton)
Tuesday 5 December 1916, page 7 (From trove.nla.gov.au)

Service Record: [View digital copy \(naa.gov.au\)](https://naa.gov.au)

Paulette Flint, 2024