

1914-15 Star, War Medal and Victory Medal

1884 Sergeant William Septimus Ward, 9th Battalion, AIF



Details from Sgt Ward's Service Papers

Born: South Shields, Durham, England circa 1894 – another entry indicates he was born ~ 1891

Employment: Dairy Farmer, Dairy farmer, address GPO, Casino, New South Wales

Nok: Mr William Ward, Ivanhoe, West Meadows, Cleadon near Sunderland Durham, England

Served: 6 months in Durham Territorials

Mitgrated: Age 16 (Rootschat)

Joined: 13 Mar 1915 in Casino, NSW

Description: 5'10", Fair Hair, Grey Eyes

Allocated to the 4th Reinforcements for 9th Battalion

Rank: Private

Statement of Service

8 Apr 1915 Embarked from Brisbane on HMAT Star of England A15

26 May 1915 Joined Unit at ANZAC

12-17 Jul 1915 Battalion on Imbros

6-10 Aug 1915 Battle of Lone Pine

16 Aug 1915 Battalion History states "Many cases of diarrhoea"

12 Aug 1915 Admitted Dysentery "Hospital Ship Neuralis"

16 Aug 1915 Admitted to 17th General Hospital, Alexandria, Egypt

13 Oct 1915 Rejoined Unit back on ANZAC

Nov 1915 Battalion Remained on Mudros

15 Nov 1915 Transferred to Australian Base at Cairo

22 Nov 1915 Battalion returned to ANZAC – William Ward was in hospital

24 Jan 1916 Sick to Hospital
 No 2 General Hospital
 Case Book Number given as "6382" and Service Number "1884"
 Disease Listed as "Colitis Ordinary" and "Cured"
 Medical Case Sheet
 "Ill 2 Weeks this time. Had it in ANZAC"
 "Present attack started 2 weeks ago. Came on suddenly and has been acute with vomiting. Passes Blood. No Organisms found."

16 Feb 1916 Discharged from 3 ?? Hospital Cairo – Dysentery

6 Mar 1916 Discharged to Duty

2 Apr 1916 Transferred to 49th Bn as Lance Corporal

23 May 1916 To Hospital

1 Jun 1916 Rejoined Bn from Hospital

5 Jun 1916 Left Alexandria to join BEF in France

12 Jun 1916 Arrived at Marseilles

28 Jun 1916 Shown In France as Corporal

Note: 4 Sep 1916 49th Bn unsuccessful attempt to capture Mouquet Farm during the Battle of Pozieres.

9 Dec 1916 On Leave in UK

5 Jul 1917 Promoted to Sergeant

2 Aug 1917 To Light Machine Gun School