

## Claude Ernest Ward



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Private (Pte) 2094 Claude Ernest Ward enlisted in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Battalion at Queenscliff on 26 July 1915. He embarked overseas on 26 August and arrived in Egypt about four weeks later.

He was transferred and taken on strength of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion, in the 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Division at Zeitoun on 14 March 1916. The battalion embarked for France on 19 March and disembarked in Marseilles on 26 March, where they entrained for the north and spent time in and out of the line around Fleurbaix during April.

On 27 July the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division entered the line at Pozieres. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, although not directly involved in the attacks between 27 – 30 July, nevertheless lost 354 men (including 60 killed or missing), one of whom was Pte Ward who was killed in action on 27 July 1916.



His body was never recovered, and he has no known grave.

Private 2094 Claude Ernest Ward is remembered on the Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France.

Name: Ward, Claude Ernest	
Service Number	2094
Date enlisted	26 July 1915
Place enlisted	Queenscliff, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Private
Initial Unit	23 <sup>rd</sup> Infantry Battalion
Date and ship embarked for overseas	26 August 1915 HMAT A68 <i>Anchises</i>
Previous military service	3 years senior cadets
Stated age/DOB (if known)	19 years
Place of birth	Queenscliff, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Carrier
Religion	Methodist
Next of kin and address	Ward, Mr Walter Frederick, father, Point Lonsdale, Victoria
Permanent address	Point Lonsdale, Victoria
Appearance	Fair complexion, fair hair, grey eyes, height – 5 feet 4 ½ inches, weight – 10 stone, 3 lbs, chest measurement – 37 inches
Final Rank	Private
Final Unit	22 <sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion
Theatres of war served in	Egypt, France
Fate	Killed in action
Date and place died	27 July 1916 Pozieres, France
Cemetery details	No known grave. Commemorated on the Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France
Honours/medals	1914/15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal
Notes	Also listed on the Queenscliff Methodist Church Honor Roll and the Point Lonsdale War Memorial