

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**4932 Sapper  
Kenneth Gavan Ray**

**13th Field Company Engineers**



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A.I.F. 13th F.C. Engrs

RAY  
Spr. K.C. 4932

"M. 5-8-16"

Killed in Action 4-8-16 - previously reported Missing  
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 5-7-17.

OFF.M.

London  
14-7-17

A.I.F 13th Fla. Coy. Engrs.

RAY  
Kenneth Gavin 4932

"K/A. 4-8-16"

No trace Germany  
Cert. by Capt. Hills 10-10-19.

London  
24-10-19

OFF.H.

France.

A.I.F. Engineers. 13 Fld. Co.

RAY K.C. 4932.

M. 8.8.16.

He was wounded in the leg, just west of Fosieres on 8.8.16. The S/B's reached him; I saw them taking him away to the dressing station. Afterwards I went to my dug-out and told his younger brother about the occurrence. He got his two elder brothers (all 4 were in the 13th. Field Co.) and I went with them to the dressing station. The wounded man, we were told, had not arrived. We searched for him but there was no trace at all. Shells were falling heavily. He must have been blown to pieces and the S/B's with him. He belonged to No. 4 Section.

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Reference: Pte. P. Hetsar. 5555. No. 1 Sec.  
26 Gen.

Staples. 23.9.16.

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France.

Aust. Eng. 13th Fld. Coy.

RAY, K. C. 4932.

M. Aug. 5th. 1915.

Fair, about 5ft. 8.11 stone, 24 years old, clean shaven, he had three brothers in the 13th. Fld. Coy also. On Aug. 5th at Pozieres the 13th. Fld. Coy. were trying to get up to the front line to relieve troops who had no communication. Enemy shelling terrific, whizz-bangs and high explosives everywhere. Sergt. Spence of the 13th. Fld. Coy. told informant after, that Ray had been picked up by stretcher bearers, taken to first dressing station near the Chalk Pit. He was very badly wounded and died there soon after. His pay book was sent back to the 13th. Fld. Coy. Orderly room.

Informant: Sapper W. Cross 5155.

No. 2 Aust. Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 19.10.16.

JED.

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Aust. Engineers 13.

Ray  
ROY, K.G. 4932

M. August 5th. 1916.

I had a brother, K.G. Ray in the company, and there was no other Ray and no Roy in the company. He was missing on the night of August 4th (but reported I think on Aug. 5th.) at Mouquet Farm near Pozieres. Next day I got information from the AMU that he had died, and shortly afterwards that the Sappers of the 4th Field Coy had buried him just outside the Dressing Station at Pozieres. I was shown some of his things so I know this is true.

Informant: Sapper S.L. Ray. 1629.  
No. 32 Stat. Hosp.  
BOULOGNE. 16.6.17.

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JT

AUST ENG. 13 Fld Coy.

Ray  
ROY, K.G. 4932.

M. Aug 5th 1916.

This must be a mistake for Ray. There was a Ray in the company with initials K - we called him Ken - who was missing. A brother of his in the same company told me that he was killed - that he had found his steel helmet with a hole through it.

Inf: Sapper C.B. Wishart. 4438.  
No. 32 Stationary.  
BOULOGNE. 9.6.17.

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JT