

Otago Witness. 22 September 1915 (Papers Past) [23/11/2021]

Private Clarence Joseph Bernard Ward (wounded) is the second son of A. R. Ward, of Five Rivers Estate, Southland, and a grand-nephew of His Grace Archbishop Redwood, of Wellington. He was born at Riverlands, Blenheim, on June 12, 1895, and was educated at the Convent School, Milton, and afterwards attended the Maris Brothers' School in Timaru. Since leaving school he assisted his father on the station, and was one of the first from the Five Rivers district to join the Main Expeditionary Force.

Evening Star. 3 December 1925 (Papers Past) [23/11/2021]

DANGEROUS INTERSECTION MOTOR CYCLIST INJURED IN COLLISION NEED FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL.

Shortly after 4.30 pm. yesterday a young man named Clarence Ward, who resides at 151 Brighton street, Roslyn, was seriously injured as the result of the motor cycle he was riding coming into collision with a motor truck driven by Mr J. Balneavis, of Milton.

The accident happened at the Leviathan Hotel corner. Ward was riding along Cumberland street in the direction of the Queen's Gardens, and when he had just about reached the intersection of High street he collided with a heavy Renault truck, which was turning from Cumberland street into High street, towards the railway station. The unfortunate young man was thrown on his head, and when picked up was unconscious, and was bleeding freely from the head. He was immediately conveyed to the hospital in an ambulance, where it was found that he was suffering from severe injuries to his head and face.

The driver of the truck made a statement to the police to the effect that when he reached the intersection of Cumberland and High streets he gave the usual signal that he was turning to the right. He alleged that the motor cycle was travelling at a fast speed.

It is stated by onlookers that both the motor cycle and the truck were on their correct sides of the road when the collision took place.

The hospital authorities reported this morning that Ward had regained consciousness, but was still on the dangerously ill list.

Evening Star. 4 December 1925 (Papers Past) [23/11/2021]

COLLISION VICTIM IMPROVING.

Clarence Ward, who sustained severe injuries to the left side of his head in a collision between a motor lorry and a motor cycle on Wednesday evening, is reported to be slowly improving at the hospital, though he is still dangerously ill.

Evening Star. 5 December 1925 (Papers Past) [23/11/2021]

STILL DANGEROUSLY ILL

Clarence Ward, who was hurt in a collision between a motor cycle he was driving and a motor truck on Wednesday, is reported by the hospital authorities to have made no improvement since yesterday.

Otago Daily Times. 17 December 1925 (Papers Past) [23/11/2021]

MOTOR CYCLE FATALITY.

Clarence Ward, the young man who on December 2 was injured by the motor cycle he was riding colliding with a motor lorry at the intersection of Cumberland and High streets, died in the Dunedin Hospital at 5.50 last evening.

Evening Star. 18 December 1925 (Papers Past) [23/11/2021]

DEATHS

WARD.—On December 16, 1925, at Dunedin Hospital (result of an accident), Clarence Joseph Bernard, beloved second son of Louisa and the late Alfred Ward, of 5 Brighton street, Roslyn (late Glenburnie, Pomahaka). R.I.P.—Requiem Mass, Saturday morning, 19th inst., Catholic Church, Gore. Private interment.—W. H. Cole, undertaker.

Otago Daily Times. 18 December 1925 (Papers Past) [23/11/2021]

MOTOR CYCLE FATALITY

INQUEST ON CLARENCE WARD

The inquest on the body of Clarence Joseph Bernard Ward, who died in the Dunedin Hospital on Wednesday at 5.30, after being in the institution from December 2 as a result of injuries received when his motor-cycle collided with a motor lorry at the corner of High and Cumberland streets was opened yesterday morning by the Coroner (Mr H. W. Bundle, S.M.). Sergeant G. F. Bonisch represented the Police.

Everard Joseph Ward, a farm hand, a brother of deceased, gave evidence of identification. Deceased was a single man, aged 32 years, and for the past three years had been an electrical and engineering inventor. He was a competent motor-cyclist and had been riding for 15 years. Witness had seen his brother on the day of his death.

Dr Kenneth Wm. Miller, a house surgeon at the Dunedin Hospital, said that deceased was admitted to the hospital on December 2 at 6 p.m., suffering from wounds on his face and concussion, the injuries having been recently received. Deceased was attended immediately by witness, but became unconscious shortly after admission. He regained consciousness the following day and improved gradually until Wednesday, December 11. Deceased then commenced to show signs of compression of the brain and gradually became worse. On Wednesday, an operation was decided on and it was performed by Dr Batchelor with witness as assistant. The compression was relieved but the cause could not be reached. His respiration then commenced to fail and despite remedial measures death resulted shortly afterwards. In the opinion of witness, death was caused by cerebral compression due to the injuries, but the exact cause could not be ascertained until a post mortem examination had been held.

The Coroner said that this was not a matter in which he proposed to order a post mortem. The holding of the examination remained in the power of the relatives,

but as discoveries of medical interest might result, it was desirable that the examination should be held. The inquest was then adjourned sine die.

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Evening Star. 23 December 1925 (Papers Past) [23/11/2021]

SPEEDING MOTOR CYCLIST COLLISION WITH LORRY INQUEST ON CLARENCE WARD

The adjourned inquest into the circumstances of the death of Clarence Joseph Ward, who died on December 17 as the result of his motor cycle crashing into a motor lorry at the Leviathan Hotel corner on December 2, was concluded to-day before Mr H. W. Bundle, S.M. Sergeant Turner conducted the proceedings on behalf of the police.

Anatoni Pero said that on December 2 he was standing at the corner of Lower High street and Cumberland street. He noticed a motor truck coming down High street towards the railway station, and just as it was passing the intersection a motor bicycle coming south along Cumberland street dashed into it. The cyclist was travelling fast. The lorry was on the right side, and was going at a fair speed. The cycle crashed into the middle of the lorry, the driver of the latter pulling up quickly. Deceased struck the ground, and when witness saw him he was bleeding from the face. He was of opinion that the deceased had not taken sufficient care. David Smyth Coutts, a motor attendant, said that the sound of a loud exhaust attracted his attention to a motor cyclist who was travelling at between twenty-five and thirty miles an hour. He was riding with his head down, and was not watching where he was going. He noticed a motor lorry going along Cumberland street, which appeared to be travelling at about ten miles an hour. The motor cycle appeared to strike the left-hand side of the lorry, which was pulled up within three or four feet. Witness did not think that deceased had proper control of his machine. The cycle appeared to strike the lorry just as it stopped.

John Balneaves, a carrier, residing at Milton, said that at about 4.35 p.m. on December 2 he was driving a motor lorry along Cumberland street. At the intersection of High and Cumberland streets he saw a motor cycle coming down Cumberland street. He was then in the act of turning into High street on his way to the station. He noticed a motor cycle that appeared to be travelling at an excessive speed. He had his right hand out indicating that he was going to turn. The cyclist was going so fast, that he saw that an accident could hardly be avoided. The cycle struck the left-hand side just under the lamp standard.

Deceased was thrown on his back, his legs being under the cycle. Witness did everything possible to avoid an accident.

The Coroner said that the evidence all showed that the deceased was travelling at a dangerous rate of speed at the time the accident happened, though he was on his right side. The driver of the lorry was driving slowly and carefully, and had no reason to apprehend an accident at the time the collision took place. The accident would not have taken place had the deceased exercised every possible care. He found that the deceased died on December 16 from cerebral compression, caused by an accidental collision between a motor cycle he was riding and a motor lorry driven by John Balneaves.

Mr Bundle added that no possible blame could be attributed to the driver of the lorry. In such a case it was only possible to feel sympathy with the driver, who found himself in an unfortunate position.

Otago Daily Times. 9 October 1916 (Papers Past) [24/11/2021]

Southland Times. 10 October 1916 (Papers Past) [24/11/2021]

Word was received on Saturday by his parents that Private **Reginald A. J. Ward** had been killed in action. He was a son of Mr and Mrs Alfred **Ward**, Highgate, Roslyn, late of the Five Rivers Station, Southland, a grandson of the late Mr Joseph **Ward**, "Blythfield," Blenheim, and a grand nephew of Archbishop Redwood. He was born in Blenheim, but when a child came to Otago with his family. He was educated for some years by the Dominican nuns, Milton, and afterwards by the Christian Brothers, Dunedin, and Marist Brothers, Timaru. After leaving school he assisted on his father's stations, in the North Island and at Five Rivers. He sailed with the 9th Reinforcements, and put in a good many weeks in Egypt. The last six months he spent in the trenches in France. His brother served in the Gallipoli campaign, where he was severely wounded, and has been discharged from the forces.

Otago Daily Times. 10 October 1916 (Papers Past) [24/11/2021]

FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE

DEATHS

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He did his duty.

Otago Witness. 11 October 1916 (Papers Past) [24/11/2021]

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