

Killed in Action.

SERGEANT STANLEY REED, B.A.

On Wednesday last Mr. Wm. Reed, of Taree, received a cable announcing the death of his son, Sergeant Stanley Reed, in action in France.

The deceased soldier sailed from Australia on September 9, 1916, and was soon in the fighting zone. He was 25 years of age on the 27th of May, and it is believed that it was on that day he fell.

The deceased soldier was a native of this district, and had made a name for himself in the educational world during his short life. His early education was at the Taree District School, where he won a scholarship which carried him to the University, and he completed his course and won his B.A. degree. In all his examinations he never had a failure. After leaving the University he was appointed Lecturer in English in the Boys' High School, Sydney, but this exacting work was too great a strain on the young scholar, so he resigned the exalted position which he had ably filled to join the teaching staff at North Sydney School, being later on transferred to the Burke-street school, where he was teaching when he enlisted.

The military spirit in young Reed was stimulated by the action of Mr. Carmichael, formerly Minister for Education, who refused lucrative offers, and joined the Australian forces.

The people of the district sympathise deeply with Mr. and Mrs. Reed and family circle in their bereavement and sincerely regret the early death of this bright young scholar, whose life gave promise of much usefulness.

The wastage of fine brains in the present war will have its influence on future generations. All branches of learning have been weakened almost to vanishing point by the enlistment of their most devoted students and investigators—men who cannot be well spared from this young country—a country in whose defence they voluntarily offered their lives, and in many cases lost them.