



BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

I join with my grateful people
in sending you this memorial
of a brave life given for others
in the Great War.

George R. I.



HE whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

*Capt. Roy H. Blashki
14 E.A.B., A.I.F.*



The War of 1914-1918.

Australian Imperial Force

Lt. R. H. Blasbki, Fd. Arty.

was mentioned in a Despatch from

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.B.,

dated 9th April 1917

for gallant and distinguished services in the Field.

*I have it in command from the King to record His Majesty's
high appreciation of the services rendered.*

Windsor Churchill

Secretary of State for War.

*War Office
Whitehall, W.
1st March 1919.*

Himmula
Via Nagga
Aug 17th 18

Mr A Blackki
Dear Sir,

I am enclosing a letter
from my son which explains itself.
and I think it will be a pleasure
to you & yours to read it, though it
may be a sad one, but thought
it would be some comfort to ^{you} ~~you~~ ^{your} ~~son~~ ^{son}
to know what an inspiration ~~had~~
had been to his men, the
immortal part of him certainly had
great influence with them. We would
like to have the letter returned when
finished, with it.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

John Edwards

Extract from Letter dated 12/5/18 from

Roy Edwards
by law
to his brother

The finest man ever I have met was one Lieut. Blashki. He was in our Battery during its formation in Egypt and remained with us until killed early in August last year. A fine soldier in every respect he knew his work well and made our Battery what it was in action afterwards. ~~No matter what record a man had Mr. Blashki saw his good points if he had any although sorely tried at times never did I once know him to raise his voice louder than a gentleman would. His kindly advice was given almost in the way a Father would give it to his son. He was a barrister by profession although only 22 years of age. Any point that was raised he seemed to see all sides of the question at once. As to his conduct in~~
~~action will check in all the V.C.'s that ever won that distinction and~~
I'll bet there is none gamer. His was not spontaneous courage he had his control always. Never have I seen him as much as duck his head and there were times when it was necessary.

He knew he was going to be killed for he packed his kit and gave his batman orders where to send it after his death. He was killed trying to put out a dump of ammunition that had caught on fire.

The Major in charge of our Battery then was a drunken fool and it was rather remarkable that under these conditions that Mr. Blashki did not fall a victim to its influence. Not he, in fact I think it was seldom he ever took it. One had that much confidence in him that whenever one was in danger he said to himself "Everything is alright Mr. Blashki is here".

What a man, to me he appealed almost as much as Abraham Lincoln did. By gad, I was proud to know and talk to such a man.

His father is a tobacco merchant in Sydney and if ever I get back I should like to shake his hand and tell him his son was the most courageous gentleman I ever met.

Such are the types of men one meets daily, but only one have I met of his type.