

ROLL OF HONOR.

DIED OF ILLNESS.

Lieut. L. O. K. ROSS.

News of the death in a hospital in France of Lieut. George Leslie King Ross was received in town on Tuesday with very sincere and general sorrow. Particulars to hand show that the young officer died from pneumonia on November 9, so that though he had served grandly in the country's cause for two years he was deprived by two days of the privilege of seeing the culmination of the Allied efforts in overwhelming victory.

Lieut. Ross was the second son of Mrs. P. P. Abbott and the late Mr. Colin J. Ross, and a step-son of Lieut. Colonel Abbott, C.M.G., Federal member for New England. He was only 21 years of age and was born in Tamworth. He was educated at the Armidale School and the New England Grammar School, Glen Innes, afterwards spending about a year in the office of Messrs. Abbott and O'Donnell, solicitors, of Glen Innes. In July, 1916, as a lad of 19, he enlisted and in the following November left for England with reinforcements for the 27th Infantry Battalion. Later, he obtained his commission at Hardcott Camp, Salisbury Plain, and was transferred to the 33rd Battalion, with which he left for France at the beginning of October last year. Young Ross had his share of trouble. While in camp at Mamingle he contracted pneumonia and was dangerously ill. Subsequently he was twice in hospital in France and was once wounded. On November 6 he was admitted to the Fourth Stationary Hospital at Arques, France, dangerously ill with pneumonia, from which he died three days later.

He passes a gallant young hero, who dedicated his life to the greatest service of all. At home he was popular and most highly esteemed for exceptional personal qualities. He was at one time an officer of the local Senior Cadets, in which he took a very lively interest. There is a peculiar sadness in the fact of his death within sight of glorious victory, and for those who mourn the triumph of the moment is deeply tinged with a sorrow which not even the sweetness of peace can mitigate. Colonel and Mrs. Abbott and family are assured of the very sincere sympathy of a very large circle of friends in their loss. An elder brother, Lieut. Gordon King Ross, who is attached to an English regiment, is still on service.