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4781 Private
Reuben Faulkner

8th Battalion



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A.I.F. 8th Battn

FAULKNER
R. 4781

Wounded - July-Aug-Sept.

Wounded 18-8-16 (No Hosp. given)
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 7-10-16.

Missing & Wounded - France 18-8-16 Previously reported
Wounded - I.B. 60.

London
25-10-16.

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AUSTRALIANS 8 FAULKNER R. 4781

W.& M.Aug. 18/16

He was in A Co. He and Pte.F.Beresford were wounded at the same time in the trench by a piece of shell right of Pozieres on the Aug. 18th - both were wounded in the foot. I saw them both start for the dressing station using rifles as walking sticks - not bandaged - as the S/Bs were busy elsewhere. Beresford joined up again about the middle of Sept and went away sick in Nov. He may know details about Faulkner.

Informant J.W.Sutherland 4321
A Co. 8th A.I.F.
H.S.Glenart Castle
G.R.B.

B. at No 9 Gen. Prison 4.12.16

Written Pte Beresford 8.2.17

Asking HQrs to verify 31.1.17

Thus W.& M. 18.8.16. (H.Q. 31.1.17)

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Still Wounded & Missing 18.8.16.
Cert: by A.I.F.Headquarters 31.1.17.

Now Killed in Action.
Cert: by A.I.F.Headquarters List I.B 22.2.17. 164.

London
27.2.17.

A.I.F. 8. FAULKNER R. 4761.

~~K. 18.S.16.~~

His name is Rupert.? His number begins with 47. He was in C. XIII. He came with the 15th.Rft.and joined us on 28th.July, 1916. He was on my section.

During the advance of 18th.Aug. about 9 p.m. I was with him in a shell hole. It was his first time in the trenches and he was a bit excited. A German flare went up and he instinctively raised himself to see it fall - a single shot instantly rang out and he fell back without a word and never moved. He was shot through the left breats and killed instantly. It must have been a sniper. I was with him 5 minutes after that and then we retired. 8 Days after we were relieved and I know nothing further except that our troops very soon took the ground we had been on at the time.

FKR.

Reference: Pte. W.J. Frith. 4785. H.Q. Bomb.
1 A.D.B.D. then C.XIII.

Staples.
29.4.17.

A. I. F. 8. FAULKNER, E. 4781.

K. August 18th, 1916.

His name was Rupert and No. from 4780 to 4784. We were in the second wave at Pozieres second attack, Rupert Faulkner and I and 2 others were together, lying in a shell hole in No Man's Land. It was about 9 or 10 p.m. The Hun was putting up a few flares. Faulkner lifted himself on his hands to look out of the hole and was shot through the head and killed instantly. I looked at him carefully. There is no question that it was Faulkner. He never moved or spoke after being hit. We were driven back and his body was left though our men took the ground 3 days later. He was in C.Coy. It was his first time in the trenches.

FEP.

Reference:- W.J.Frith. 478. H.Q.Bombers
(then C.Coy.) No. 1 A.D.B.D.

Staples
5.5.17.

A.I.F. 8th Btn.

FAULKNER.
Reuben. 4781.

Killed in Action, 18.8.16.

Re trans Germany.
Cert by Captain Mills. 10.10.19.

Name	Unit	Casualty	Cause of Casualty

London.
14.10.19.

Feb.9th.1917. ----

Pte. [redacted] resford.
8th.Battn.A.I.F.
B.E.F.

4781.R.Faulkner,8th.Battn.A.I.F. reported wounded and Missing 18.8.16,

R.Faulkner,

[redacted]

P.M. for O.M.