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Lieutenant William George Faulkner

44th Battalion



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A.I.F. 44th Battn.

FAULKNER
F.G.Lieut.

"MISSING REL:KILLED 31/8/18"

Killed in Action 31/8/18 Previously reported Missing Believed Killed
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 11/9/18

London
13/9/18

OFF.M.

44th. Battn. K. 31/8/18. Faulkner, W.G. Lt.
William George

Y was in D. Coy: with Mr. Faulkner, but later he had been transferred to the 11th. Bgde M.G.C.

44th. Battn. Cunneen, W. Pte. 2150.

A. 15. Dartford. 29/8/18.

R.D.B.

~~Kin A. 31.8.18.~~ Records Shel give 44 Btn (HQ. 1.11.18)

Written Adjt re unit. 4.11.18.

44th Battn.
A.I.F.

FAULKNER.
Lieut. W.G.

"Killed in Action 31-8-18"

Re the late Lieut.W.G.Faulkner. of this Battalion. It is advised that this Officer was killed while detached for duty with the 3rd Machine Gun Battalion. Any enquiries with regard to this Officer's death should be addressed to the Commanding Officer, 3rd Machine Gun Battalion.A.I.F.

Letter from:- Adjutant.
London 44th Battalion.A.I.F.
26-11-18. B.E.F.
Note Written Adjutant. P.
3rd M.G. Battn. 19-11-18.

44th Batn.,
A.I.F.

FAULKNER,
W.G., Lieut.

"Killed - 31-8-18."

"He was killed at Susanne. Blown to pieces by shell.

Eye-witness - No.

Informant:- Kilgour, G.B., Lieut. (Accurate),
44th Batn., A.I.F.,
3rd London Hpl.,
Wandsworth.

C.W. Nelson Lowe,
London,
10-12-18.
J.E.A.

P.

Havre 10th December 1918.

Austr. M.G.C. 3. attd. Faulkner Lieut W.G.

K. 31st August 1918. Det D/B.

He was officer of my gun team. About the 31st August we were at Villers Bretonneux and were going forward. About 3 a.m. Mr. Faulkner while with his gun was hit by a piece of shell in the stomach. I was there and saw some of his men attending to him. They started to carry him to the D/Station, but I heard that he died on his way.

Inf:- Pte C. Newbon No.6687.
Aust. M.G.C. 3. 23 (Conv).
Austra. Camp

CWSG.

F. A. P

PP.

3rd M.G.Batn.,
from 44th Batn. A.I.F.

FAULKNER,
W.G. Lieut.

"Killed in action - 31-8-18."

"Lieut Faulkner was killed on the night of 30th August 1918 while proceeding to the front line, the shell bursting beside him.

The remains were buried by a party from this Company at H.5.d.7.0. Sheet 62 C. N.W. (Clery-sur-Somme, near Peronne).

Letter from A.P.White, Lieut,
for O.C. 10th Machine Gun Coy., A.I.F.

London,
11-12-18.

P.

3rd Machine Gun, Batn.
A.I.F.

FAULKNER,
Lieut. W.G.

"Killed 30th August 1918."

" He belonged to the 10th Machine Gun Company. I saw his grave at Clery-sur-Somme on the field. The grave was marked by me having full particulars thereon. I did not see the casualty.

Informant:- Sgt. Hutchinson, T. 64,
10th M.G. Coy., 3rd Batn.,
3rd A.A.H. Dartford.

London,
17-12-18.
J.E.A.

P.

A.I.F.44th Battn.
attd.3 M.G. Bn.

FAULKNER
W.G. Lieut.

"Killed 30.8.18"

I was away at the minute Lieut. Faulkner was killed, but returned about 10 minutes later. Lieut. Faulkner was blown to pieces by a shell, it was impossible to bury him as he was blown to atoms. He was killed instantaneously between 9 & 10 in the morning, near Bullicourt in the open ground in a shell hole. He was with the 3rd Machine Gun Corps at the time. Ground was held. Description:- Reddish moustache, light hair, medium height, keen sportsman. Called Bill by other officers.

Informant:- 2789 Cpl. Henry J. Berry,
44th Battn. D. Coy,
Graylingwell Hospital,
Chichester.

A.C.M. for
E. Riadore.
20.1.19.
H.G.

Home address:-
102, Wittenoon Street,
East Perth,
Perth.W.Aust.

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(very intelligent and should say very accurate.)

Lieut W. G. Faulkner
44 Bn
Killed 31.5.18
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44th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
In the Field,
10.11.18.

Secretary,
Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau,
Australian Red Cross Society.

Madam,

Reference your enquiry of the 4th inst in reference to the late Lieut. W.G.FAULKNER of this Battalion.

It is advised that this Officer was killed whilst detached for duty with the 3rd Machine Gun Battalion .

Any enquiries with regard to this Officers death should be addressed to the Commanding Officer, 3rd Machine Gun Battalion.A.I.F.

Yours faithfully,

Captain.
ADJUTANT 44th BATTALION.A.I.F.

(O.R.S.)

Written Adj. 3 M.G. Bn. 14.11.18.

4th November 1918.

The Adjutant.
44th Aust: Inf:Btn
Aust: Imp: Force,
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries on behalf of our Perth bureau about ~~this~~ -

Lieut. W.G. Faulkner who is reported Killed in Action 31-8-18.

We have been told that this Officer was attached to the 11th Machine Gun Coy when he was killed and was not with the 44th Btn.

We would be glad if you could tell us whether this statement is correct.

If you could also send us information about his death and burial it would be of great value to our enquirer.

With apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

Mrs Whitfield.

Lieut. W.G. Faulkner attached 3rd Aust. M.G.B. from 44th Bn. K.I.A. 31.8.18

W/51 10th Machine Gun Coy.

29/11/18

The Secretary
Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau
Aust. Red Cross Society

re Lieut. W. G. Faulkner - attached to 3rd Aust. M.G.B. from 44th Bn

In reply to your letter of 20th inst. re the ove I have to state that Lieut. Faulkner was killed on the night of 30th August 1918 while proceeding to the front line, the shell bursting beside him.

The remains were buried by a party from this Company at H.5.d.7.8. Sheet 62 C. NW. (Bleny-sur-Somme.) Near Peronne.

A P White
Lieut.
for O.C. 10th Machine Gun Coy.
A.I.F.

3rd AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.
Received 29/11/18

J.E.A.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
"THE SECRETARY,"
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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36 GROSVENOR PLACE
(NEAR VICTORIA STATION)
LONDON, S.W 1.

The Adjutant
3rd Machine Gun Btn.
A.I.F.

Nov; 20th 1918

Dear Sir

We are making enquiries on behalf of the Perth Bureau about Lieut. W.T.Faulkner, 44th Btn. A.I.F. who is reported killed in action on the 31-8-18. The Battalion Adjutant advises us that this Officer was killed whilst on duty with 3rd M.G.Btn. If you have any records of Lieut. W.T.Faulkner's death and burial we should be most grateful if you could give us particulars to forward to our enquirers.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully

Vera Deakin

Secretary

O/C 10th Am Gy. per. D.W.B.
Forwarded for action as above

25.11.18

Claude E. [illegible]
3rd Am Gy Bn

The Adjutant
3rd Machine Gun Btn.
A.I.F.

Nov; 20th 1918

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Secretary