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**3079 Sergeant
Robert Samuel Foster**

48th Battalion



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A I.F. 48th Battn

Sgt. R.S. FOSTER
3079

KILLED in ACTION 6-8-16

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Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 6-11-16.

London
8-11-16

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48th Battn.
A.I.F.,

Foster
Sgt. R.S. 3079

"Killed Aug. 6th 1916"

I saw him blown to pieces by a shell at Pozieres in the trench, the first day, on Friday or Saturday 5th August, the shell landed right alongside him. He was fair, about 5ft. 7ins high and medium built, might be anything between 20 and 30, was well liked by his platoon and officers. He belonged to C. Company.

Reference;- P.C. Constable, 2006
48th Battn, A.I.F., C. Company
Ward 43,
Harefield Hospt.
22-11-16.

Informant is a reliable man.

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29-11-16.
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48th Battn.
A.I.F.,

Foster
Sergt. R.B. 3079

"Killed Aug. 6th 1916"

I saw him hit by a shell and blown to pieces at Pozieres. He was going from a communication trench to the first line in the open - was going with Lieut. Dyke who was not hit. He was about 5ft. 9ins, dark complexion, had been in the Navy, was a nice fellow, well liked.

Reference:- Corporal J.H.W. Martin, 2667
Ward 68,
Barefield Hospt.

29-11-16.

He was a good witness.

Note. Witness can give no details as to burial, there was nothing to bury, he was just obliterated.

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ROBERT Sgt. R.A. 5079

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There is a letter in my file from the
is still in his cell. It is dated 12/1/16
unit on the 10th of the month. It is dated 12/1/16
and of last month. It is dated 12/1/16
He had been at the 10th of the month. It is dated 12/1/16
clean shaven.

Interviewed by Sgt. R.A. 5079
48th Australians
No. 100. (12/1/16)
R.A. 1.

*As King Hqs to verify 11/12/16
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Foster Sgt. R.S.

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I knew Foster; he was a Sgt. in C.XII, and was with me in a trench at Escleres on Sat. night, 6th. Aug. He was four in advance of me going up the trench. This was just after dark and a shell came over and fell directly into the trench where Foster was. It knocked the man immediately in front of Foster right forward. This man's name was Matheson, of No. XII Platoon and it buried the man immediately behind Foster but we got this man out. Mr. Dyke and I examined the spot but could find no trace of Foster and we came to the conclusion that he must have been blown to bits and buried. I have since heard unofficially that Mr. Dyke was subsequently killed but I think that Matheson is still with the En. There was only one Sgt. Foster in C.XII. HSO.

Reference: Sgt. Hoskin. 3058. C.IX.

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Staples. 24th. Aug. 1916.