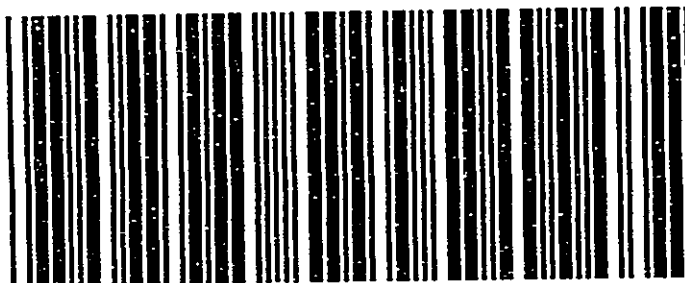


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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**1825 Sergeant
John Preston Walker**

8th Battalion



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8th Battn.
A.I.F.

K. 27.7.16.

Walker.
Cpl. J.P. 1647.

1823

He was killed by a bullet and died instantly. I was with him at the time. I was not there when he was buried but a mate told me he was buried at night in a shellhole at Pozieres and there is nothing to mark the spot.

Certified by:

Sergt. W. Brown
8th Battn.
Ward C.9.
3rd London General
Hospital.
Wandsworth.
3.1.17.

A.I.C.
London.
10.1.17.

M. Rouch.
2 .P.I.

1647. 1825(H.Q.)

8th Battn

Walker J.P., Corpl
(John Preston)

Unofficially killed in action 27/7/16.

He is reported to have been killed in action 27/7/16.

Cert. H.Q. 22/9/16.

Rouen.
10.2.17.

3rd Echelon Enquiry. Note to London.

Sgt. J. P. WALKER, 8th Batt. A.I.F.

This man is reported killed in action 27.7.16.

This was sent to Rouen in
error from a "no enquiry"
card & has not been
sent on -

FRANCE.

A. I. P. 8.

WALKER, Cpl. J.P. 1825. ? 1647.

X/27th. July 1916.

I knew Walker; he was a 4th. Reinf. to the 8th. Battn. He was in A. 2. and a Sgt., and his No. was next to mine, viz. 1647, and his initials were J.W. or J.P. He was with me in the charge and was going over to take charge of another platoon, and he was shot I think right through the heart. I saw it happen; he fell within 12-15 yards, falling first on his knees; he did not move. Our Nos. were changed on the Peninsula. He landed there on 25.5.15. He was in a solicitor's office and was in his last year and was my mate. Sgt. Brown of A. Coy pulled him a few yards from where he fell, and, I understand, he was buried the next day on fringe of the village of Pozieres. This happened on a Tuesday at the end of July. His things were handed over to Lt. Fay, who was afterwards wounded. Sgt. Brown could give further particulars; He has been badly wounded and would probably be sent back to Australia.

Reference: Cpl. J. Russell, 1646, A. Coy. II Pl.,
1 A.D.B.D., Staples. 17.10.16.

HSO.

Written
23.10.16

Rosen

8th Australian Imperial Force. Walker, Cpl. J.F. 1825,

K July 27th. 1916, Details D & B.

Informant states that on July 24th. at Poziers Cpl. Walker was killed. Informant wrote all particulars to Walker's father living at Ivanhoe Parade, Ivanhoe, Melbourne. Informant handed over his belongings to the Company Officer. Walker at time of his death was Sergeant. His number 1825 was his reinforcement number, his Battalion number was 1647.

Reference:-- Sergt. S.L. Brown, 526,
8th Australian Imperial Force,
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth Common, S.W.

Home address:-- Marraworts, S Australia.

Nov. 9th.
Milne.

8th Battn.
A.I.F.
A Coy.

Walker,
Sergt. J.P.

Missing:

Informant states that - On Monday, 24th July, 1916, at Pozieres Village, Walker was shot, between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. He died a few minutes later, and was buried that night in the village. Informant left another man to mark the spot of burial

(Informant was an eye-witness and a reliable man. L.D.)

Ref.- Lieut. Luke P. Fay, 8th Battn.
1st London General Hospital.

Home Address- Pinegrove, Middlecreek, Victoria, Australia.

L. Darlington,
31/7/16.

*Make 2 Copies (one for Pouch)
one for P.I.*

London,
23/8/16.

No enquiry.

6, MARLBORO' VILLAS,

Dec 26 --

GILLINGHAM,

KENT.

R C. IV. D

28 DEC 1916

PN HOUSE TERRACE

Dear Sir,
British Red Cross & British St John
Enquiry Bureau

Sir

I am the official searcher for
the Stood & Friendsbury U.A. Hospital

In the course of some enquiries
at the Hospital a few days ago

I came across a man who says

he was the particular pal of
1825 Walker Cpl. J. P. 8th Batt.

A. I. F.

He says Walker had an Aunt

in England who he thinks must
have instituted the enquiry for
Walker on page 14a Dec. list: and
he would be very glad if he could
be supplied with her address
as he would like to write to her or
visit her when he leaves hospital.
I promised to do what I could
for him.

His name is
1646 Cpl. Russell J. th S. C. I. F.

I regret to say that I very much
get any useful information from
the patients in this hospital. They
appear to have all been already

examined either in France or at
Fort Pitt. The proportion who come
direct from France is small.

Yours faithfully

K. G. Kingston.

8858.

28th September, 1916.

J. L. Kiddle Esq.,
Aust. Red Cross Depot,
Rouen. FRANCE.

Dear Mr. Kiddle,

We are sending you the address of Staff
Sergeant A.M.EPPS, for whom you were inquiring :-

No. 2913, Staff Sergeant A.M. Epps,
15th. Australian Field Ambulance,
A. A. M. C.,
(Late 5th. Field Ambulance)
E. E. F.

We have also been informed that No. 1825, (H.2)
or 1647, Corporal J. P. Walker, 8th Battalion, is now reported
officially as killed in action.

Will the above address find you if we forward
you a list - as we hear you are going to do some searching
for us?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

V.B

Secretary.

6. 15 PM

AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY
54, Victoria Street
London, S.W.



Sergt. Brown,

8th Aust. Infantry Battalion,

BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

A.B.F.O.
UNABLE TO TRACE
RETURN TO SENDER
(S.B.)
A.P.S.

*James [unclear]
[unclear]
[unclear]*

15-997 Brown,



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AUSTRALIAN BRANCH B.R.C.S.

54, VICTORIA STREET.

LONDON, S.W.

November 6th. 1916.

Sergt. Brown,
8th Aust. Inf. Battn.
B.E.F.,

Dear Sir,

We hear that when Corporal J.P. Walker, No. 1647, 8th Battn. A.I.F., was killed on 27th July last, you carried him from where he fell and that he was buried the next day near Pozieres.

Would you kindly give us any particulars you can about his death and burial as far as you recollect them, so that we may send them on to our enquirers. We are not quite certain whether

Corporal Walker's number was 1647 or 1825. *NO in Austl*
the Battalion
With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

Does he happen to know the address of the 8th Aust. Inf. Battn. in London?
Chas. S. 1917, Walker's Aunt in London
Death killed by Bullet killed instantly - Brown
Burned in Shell hole at Pozieres. per M.B.A. 170
Information from at night
These - Nothing to distinguish the place

[illegible]

Brown knows a Mr. Larking. Does not
know if he is Walker's Aunt. But visits
him on account of his former trip with
Walker - Address - Mr. R. J. Larking
121 Videna St. S.W.

January 4th.1917.-----

Miss.K.G.Kingston
6, Malboro Villas.
Gillingham.
Kent.

Dear Madam;

Your letter of December 26th.has been forwarded to us by the British Red Cross Society, as we deal with all Australian enquiries.

Unfortunately the Aunt of No.1825.Cpl.J.P.Walker 8th.Battn A.I.F. was not one of the enquirers, so we have no knowledge whatsoever of her address.

One of the enquirers however was Cpl.Walker's brother 2/Lt. C.H.Walker, and if we can obtain his address we will send it as he would certainly know the address of his Aunt.

Yours faithfully,

V D

Secretary

P.E. Sgt. Brown, a friend of Cpl Walker, checked K.H.W. is constantly visited by a Mrs Larking, 121 Victoria St. S.W. because of his interest in Cpl Walker. It is just possible that Mrs Larking is the Aunt referred to.

29th January

-7.

J. L. Kiddle Esq.,
Australian Red Cross Searcher.
F. P. O.
A.D. 2.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have had a further unofficial report about No. 1825
Cpl. J. P. Walker, 8th Battn. A.I.F. from Sgt. W. Brown, 8th
Battn. who was in Ward C. 9. 3rd London General Hospital on
January 3rd.

He says that Cpl. Walker was killed instantly by a bullet.
He was with him at the time, but was not present at the burial.
A mate of his told Sgt. Brown that he was buried at night in a
shell hole at Pozieres and there was nothing to mark the spot.

We received the name of 2nd Lt. C.H. Walker as an inquirer
for Cpl. J.P. Walker, and his address was given as 6th Training
Battalion, Zeitoun, late Devonshire Yeomanry. We do not think
that this is sufficient address so hope that if he send the
information to you it will ultimately reach Cpl. Walker's family.

With reference to your inquiry for No. 3993. Sgt. P.C. Young
6th Battn. A.I.F. who was killed in action on Aug. 20th. we beg
to inform you that the following unofficial report about him

J. L. Kiddle Esq.,

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29.1.17.

has been received from No. 5738. Pte. J. C. ⁶Ferguson, 6th Battn.

" Private Ferguson says that his rank was Lance Corporal. He came as sergeant with reinforcements from Australia and, was reverted to the ranks on joining the battalion and then he was promoted. He said that Young was killed at night near him and was buried on the right of Pozieres wood behind the front line. A cross was erected bearing his name, unit and the motto of Scotch College, Melbourne, where he had been educated.

Unfortunately this letter was sent to you on January 15th. to the Australian Red Cross Depot, Rouen and has just been returned to us. -hence the delay in sending you the information.

We shall send you any further reports that come to hand about these men.

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary.

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