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2062 Private
Allan Wesley
Walkenden

26th Battalion



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A.I.F. 26th Btn

Walkenden.
WALKENDEN
A.W. 2063

"M. 5-8-16"

Killed in Action 5-6-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 31-7-17.

O.F.F.M.

London
3-8-17

A.I.F. 26th Btn

WALKERDEN
Allen Wesley 2062

Killed in Action 5.8.16.

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

Where London. 24.10.19.			Off.H.

26th. Battn. D.C.
A.I.F.

WALKENDEN,
2062 A.W.

"Missing 5/8/16".

Refer to William Minner (C.Coy.) of 26th. Battn. who told me he saw his dead body.

Reference:- No. 2057 A. R. Stevenson 26th Battalion C.C.
Harefield Hospital,
26-1-17

Note:- Written Private Minner 30.1.17

London
30.1.17
L.P.J.

Off. M.

A.I.F. 26. WALKERDEN A.W. 2062.

E. 5.8.16.

Cpl. Chaffy of C.Co. now up the line, and also Cpl. Riley of C.Co. Signals, now up the line, both told me they saw him killed. I knew him well and made enquiries about him.

PHX.

Reference: L/C.M.V. Dobson. 858. C.Co. Signals.
51 Gen.Hosp.

Staples.
14.2.17.

Written Cpl Chaffy } 24.2.17
Riley }

26th Australian Imperial Force. Walkenden, A.W. 2062,
C Coy.

M Aug. 5th.

Informant states that on or about Aug. 5th. 1916 beyond Pozieres Walkenden was killed by Enemy shell and Informant believes that Cpl. S.W. Chaffey 843 of the 26th Australian Imperial Force and at present in France saw him hit.

Reference:-- Sgt. H.R. Bruford, 2451,
26th Australian Imperial Force,
Kitchener Hospital,
Brighton.

Home address:-- 3, Fermanagh Rd., Camberwell,
Victoria, Australia.

Dec. 3rd. 1916.
Hargreaves.

26th Batt.
A.I.F.

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WALKENDON

2062 A.W.

"Missing Aug.5/16"

Witness says he saw the soldier sometime after that date in a hospital or clearing station somewhere between Wimereux and Le Havre. He himself was wounded on that date and was being put through one of these places when he saw the soldier. He knew him well having come from Australia with him in the 3rd Reinf; to the 26th. Soldier appeared to be a bit simple but not that much that he did not know how to dodge the hard places. Soldier told him that the reason he was in the hospital was that he was sick. He was an easily recognisable man.
Description 5ft 2 fair complexion, thick set man.

Reference:- 2043 W.J.Lees.
26th Batt. A.I.F.
Wareham,
10.1.17

London
16.1.17
S.Whitmee

Off,M.

Havre 24th January 1917

26th AUSTRALIANS WALKENDEN, A.W. 2062

M. 5th August 1916

I came over from Australia in the same Transport with Walkenden - We were both in C. Company and I k new him well. He was usually called "Walkie". Short, stoutly built man, fair, blue eyes, clean-shaven. He was killed in a sap leading up to Pozieres village early in August. It was in the second Pozieres charge we made. He was killed by a shell, but I do not know what became of his body, though I saw his body still in the sap 24 hours after his death. We took the ground and held it. There was no time to bury bodies then and they were lying where they fell for weeks.

Informant: C.D. Buckley No. 2013
26th Australian Inf. C.Co. Pltn XI
Docks Rest Camp
Havre

HMDH

A. I. F. 26. A. W. WALKENDEN, 2062.

M/August 5th.1916.

He was in C.Coy, XI pl. Beyond Fosieres, about August 7th. my platoon was engaged in digging a jumping-off trench for the 4th.Division, and the Germans were shelling us heavily that we had ultimately to withdraw. As we were being distributed, I saw Walkenden put with two other men into a sector about 20 yards from the position allotted to me. I saw a 5.9. shell come over and explode about where Walkenden was. Immediately after, one of the men with him came round - very excited and frightened - and said "that one got Walky". Later, he went back and on returning reiterated that Walkenden was dead and that his other mate was all right. Walkenden was not more than 18, short and nuggetty; light curly hair. He was very humourous and well liked throughout the Coy. He had blue eyes.

References: Cpl.F.S.Dillon, 1080, XI,C.,
No. 7 Canadian General. Stapleton.
10.3.17.
FSP.

December 15th.

848 CPL.S.W. CHAFFEY
26th. Batt.
A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Cpl. Chaffey,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Battalion 2062 PTE.A.T. WALKENDEN, C.Coy, 26th. Batt. A.I.F. reported missing 5-8-16 and have been told that you may be able to help us by giving us some information.

We should be most grateful if you could give us some details concerning PTE.A.T.WALKENDEN and would also be glad if you would add a short personal description of the man so that his re. relatives may be satisfied that no error has been made.

Yours faithfully,
Secretary

31st January /7

Pte William Minnero.
C.Company,
26th Batt. A.I.F.,
B.E.F.

2062 A.W.Walkenden, D.Coy., 26th Battalion, A.I.F.,

reported Missing - 5.8.16

A.W.Walkenden

P M for Miss Miller

February 26th 7

Corporal Chaffey,
C. Coy
26th Batt., A.I.F.,
B.E.F.

2062 A. W. Walkenden, 26th Batt., A.I.F., reported missing - 5.8.16

A. W. Walkenden

P.M for F.M.

Feb 26th 7.

Corporal Riley,
C. Coy - Signals -
26th Batt., A.I.F.,
B.E.F.

2062 A. W. Walkenden, 26th Batt., A.I.F., reported missing - 5.8.16

A. W. Walkenden

P.M for F.M.