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707 Corporal
Peter Rafferty

8th Battalion



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6th Btn.
A.I.F.

RAFFERTY
Cpl. Peter 707.

"Killed in Action 26.7.16."

[redacted] Card by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
14.10.19.

Off. H. & P.I.

A.I.F.6th Btn

RAFFERTY
Cpl, 8. 707

"Wded & Missing"

Killed in action 26-7-16 - previously reported Wded & Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 6-4-16.

OFF.M. &
P.I.

London
6-4-16

8th. Batt
A.I.F.

RAFFERTY
Cpl.P. 707

"Wounded ~~unofficially~~ missing 26-7-16"

Witness says he saw the soldier apparently lying dead He was quite close to him, but did not examine him, but from the look of him he judged him to be dead. He did not give me particulars where this happened

Description:- Height 5 ft. 9 ins. Complexion dark.

Reference:- H.G.Reynolds 2666
8th Batt. C.Comp,
S.W. Wareham
21-12-16

London
3-1-17

Off.M

8th A. I. F.

Rafferty, Cpl. P. 707.
B Coy.

(W & M. 26. 7. 16.)

"Cpl. Rafferty was killed by shell. His body was left on the field. "

Eye-witness:— Yes.

Informant:—Pte. Walter, F. Robinson, 3602,
8th A. I. F. D Coy. 13 Pl.
Norfolk War Hospital,
Norwich.

Home address:— Amphitheatre,
Victoria,
Australia.

Jan: 4th
E. Rice.

8th Batt.
D.Coy. A.I.F.

RAFFERTY.
707 Cpl Peter.

"W & M July 26.16."

After the first night at Pozieres, inf. who is a stretcher bearer, saw, Rafferty, wounded at the dressing station on 25th or 26th July. He does not know what happened to him afterwards.

Reference:- Pte H.J.Slattery, 2422.
(stretcher bearer)
8th Batt. A.I.F.
Southall Hospital.
29-12-16.

9-11-17.
London.
~~29.12.16.~~
P.C.

Off.M.

8th Btn.

RAFFERTY, P.
Cpl. No. 707

W.& Missing 26/7/16.

"Casualty was shot in the arm at Pozieres on the 25th July. I saw him going towards the D.S. His arm had previously been dressed by A.B. Cluces who is now with the unit, and he told him of the incident. I refer you to him for further details."

Informent:- R.P. Orr,
No. 330, 8th Btn.

Private address
20 Anderson Street,
Ballarat West.

Off. M. P. I.
Rd. 21/E.K.

H.A.B.
18/9/17.

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France.

A. I. F. 8. RAFFERTY, P. Cpl. 707.

N. & M/26th.July 1916.

He was wounded at Pozieres on July 23rd. I saw him wounded early in the morning. He got a bullet in the head and I think one in the body. I saw him taken into a deep dug-out in the trench we had taken from the Germans. I heard later that the S/Bs had taken him to the D/S, but I do not know whether this is right or not. He appeared badly wounded. He belonged to IX Pl. C.Co. Sgt.J.Foot, XII.Pl.C.Co. 8th.Batt. could give further information about him.

Reference: Sgt.H.Ross, 3242, C.Co.,
No. 1 A.D.B.D.

Written Foot 10.11.16

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3.11.16.
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Havre Dec. 11th 1916

AUSTRALIANS 8 RAFFERTY Cpl.P. 707

B.& M.July 26/16

His brother Rafferty who is with the battn. H.Q. may be able to give further particulars of Cpl.Rafferty who he believes is killed.

Informant Q-M-S. M.Reynolds 109
8th Australians
~~Rafferty~~ H.S.Warilda
~~H.Q.M.~~ R. B.S.

Written Pte Rafferty 18/12/16

8th Btn.

RAFFERTY, P.
L/Cpl. No. 707

W Missing 25/7/16.

"I met Pte. S. Wilkie of the 65th Battalion, now in France or in Salisbury Plains, formerly of the 8th btn, at Wareham camp, England about month of April, this year, 1917. He told me that casualty was killed at Pozieres about 25th July, 1916. He was very definite about it. I refer you to Wilkie for further information."

Informant:- J. McDiarmid,
No. 317, 8th Btn.

Private address
Grant Street,
Ballarat West.

W Wkd
P.I 6d.
Dn E.K

H.A.B.
10/8/17.

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8th Btn.

RAFFERTY, P.
L/Cpl. No. 707

Missing 25/7/16.

"I saw Casualty killed at Pozieres on the 25th July in the "Hop-over" by machine gun bullet . He was not buried as far as I know. I saw him fall dead in the shell hole."

Informant:- A.P. Wright-Smith
No. 3452 8th Btn.

Private address
Voltaire
Fitzroy Street,
St. Kilda.

H.A.B.
9/10/17.

Ch on 4.K. Time cancel Off. Hr.

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ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHELON

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Statement made by No. 706 M.Rafferty, 8th Bn.

re No. 707 Corporal P. Rafferty 8th Bn, 2nd Inf.Bde.AIF Wounded & Missing 26.7.16.

I did not see my brother after he was wounded but by the information I obtained from his comrades I am convinced that he died of wounds, as all who saw him informed me he was very severely wounded, and they did not (think) there was any chance of his recovery.

last seen me (Sgd.) 706 M. Rafferty.

Dated at this day of 8th Battn.

Statement made and signed before me (Sgd.) A W.Temple, Lt.

FRANCE

8th BATT. A.I.F. RAFFERTY. Cpl 8. 707.

W.M.July 26th.1916.

He came from Elmhurst, Victoria, and his brother Mat Rafferty is groom to the Adjutant. He told me at the time that his brother was killed, he was not allowed to go up to see him. He is with the Batt now as far as I know. WSI

Ref -- Pte W.Felix Robinson. 3602.
No 2 Can. Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. Dec 21st. 1916.

November 14th.

Sergeant J. Foot,
12th. Platoon,
C. Coy.,
8th. Australian Infantry Battalion,
B.E.F.

Dear Sergeant Foot,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Battalion 707, Corporal P. Rafferty, 8th. Battalion, A.I.F. who is reported Wounded and Missing, 26-7-16, and have been told that you may be able to help us by giving us some information .

We should be most gratful for any details you could send us concerning Corporal Rafferty, and we ld also be glad if you could add a short personal description of the man in order that we may satisfy his relatives no error hasbeen made.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

-HD

Secretary.

December 19th.

PTE. RAFFERTY
Battalion Hospital
8th, Batt. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Pte. Rafferty,

We are making enquiries for your brother 707 CPL.P.RAFFERTY 8TH. Batt.A.I.F. reported wounded and missing 26-7-16 and have been told that you believe your brother to have been killed.

We should be very glad if you would let us know whether you have obtained all particulars you desire in connection with y your brother, if so, we will cease our enquiries; but if there are any points you still wish cleared up, we should be pleased if you would send us all details, so far as you know them, when our searchers will continue to make enquiries.

Please accept our sincere sympathy with you in the loss of your brother.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

11th January 1917.

171 Pte S. A. Biggins,
Staff - 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital
HAREFIELD.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your inquiry for - 807 Cpl. P. Rafferty, 8th Battalion, A.I.F, we regret to inform you that the following unofficial reports have been received from men in his Battalion.

No.3243 Sgt. Ross, says that he saw Cpl. Rafferty, Wounded early in the morning of July 23rd at Pozieres. He received a bullett in his head, and another in the body, and was taken into a deep dug-out in a captured German Trench. Later he was told that the Stretcher Bearers had taken him to the Dressing Station.

No.3602 Pte W. Felix Robinson, says that Cpl. Rafferty came from Elmhurst, Victoria. He was told by Pte Mat Rafferty a Brother, who is groom to the Adjutant, 7th Battalion, that when Cpl. Rafferty was Killed, he was not allowed to go up to see him. Another man refers us to Pte Mat Rafferty for further details.

Another man - No.2666 Pte H.G. Reynolds, describes Cpl Rafferty, as about 5ft.9ins, tall, and of dark complexion. He says that he saw a Soldier lying apparently dead, and thinks it was Cpl. Rafferty. He did not examine him to make certain, but he was quite close to him at the time, and from the look of him, he judged him to be dead.

We have added your name, as an inquirer for further details of Cpl. Rafferty's fate, and we shall be glad to send you any reports that come to hand. We are very much afraid that he must have been Killed on July 2 3rd. He is posted at Headquarters as Wounded and Missing since July 26th.

With sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend,

Yours faithfully,

V.O

Secretary
L.A.W.