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5085 Private
Frank Percy Rastall

20th Battalion



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A.I.F.
20th. Battalion.

RASTALL. 5085.
Frank Percy.

"Killed in Action 12.11.16".

No trace Germany.

Cert. byvCapt. Mills. 10.10.19.

Name.	Unit.	Casualty.	Cause of Casualty.

London.
18.10.19.

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20th A. I. F. F. P. RASTALL, 5088

Killed 12.11.16. Det.D/B.

Informant said Rastall was in A.Coy. No.3 Plat., came from Darlinghurst and was killed at Flers in November his first time in the trenches. He was standing outside a dug out when a shell fell in the trench and he was struck and killed instantly, Lieut.Gordon being killed at the same time. Informant was on the spot 5 minutes later and the bodies had then been removed and he was with the burying party which buried Rastall the same night behind the trenches.

Reference: Pte.N.Acton, 152, A.Coy.

Convalescent Camp, Rouen, 25.4.17 DLF.

20th A. I. F., Restall, F.P., 5088,

K. 12th Nov. 1916. Det. D & B.

"I came over with Restall from Australia. He was formerly in the 15th Reinforcements. When we got to France he was drafted to the 20th Battalion. I was attached to the bombing section. I know that Restall was killed at Fleurs on 12/Nov/16 and that he was badly mutilated, blown to pieces. I am unable to give the required information about his burial. My impression is that what was left of him was never brought in. I was not anactual eye witness, but there is no doubt about the fact of his death."

Eye Witness:
Description;

Informant:-- Cpl. Bert Francis, 1632,
20th A. I. F., Bombers Section,
Harborne Hall V.A.D. Hospital,
Birmingham.

Home address:-- c/o Mrs. Robinson,
18, Thompson Street,
Drummoyne, Sydney.

23.3.17.
Bullock.

20th Batt.
A.I.F.,

RASTALL
F.P. 5086

"Killed Nov. 12/16"

I saw him killed and helped to bury him in a trench at Fleurs. A shell killed him and 3 others who were all buried just where they lay. Came from N.S.W. He was only a boy, very slight, medium height and fair. He was in my section and joined up at Rivermont,

Reference:- F.H.Stein 282
20th Batt. A.I.F.,
Ward 3
Harefield Hospital.
2.5.17.

London
4.5.17.
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20th Battn., A.I.F. RASTALL, Pte.F.P.
5085.

KILLED IN ACTION, 12/11/16.

I knew Private Rastall very well. He was young, about 18, fair with blue eyes, and had just joined in November, 1916. He was very well liked in his Platoon.

He and I were together in an observation post near Flers. It was between the British and German lines, slightly ahead of them, at a point where the British and Australian lines did not join up. We went there in the evening about 6.30. The Germans must have spotted us during the night. A shell came over about 8 o'clock in the morning and killed five out of seven of us. The other two were wounded. I crawled back to the British lines to get assistance, as it was impossible to get to the Australians. Rastall was killed instantly.

Informant:- JENKINS, PRIVATE, 5038,
20th Battalion, A.I.F.,
No.4 Aust.General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

H.S.N.
25/7/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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RASTALL, F.W.P.
5085. Pte.

KILLED IN ACTION, 12/11/16.

Rastall was killed while out in a post in front of trenches at Flers. I went out and saw him dead. He was killed by a shell, but there were very few marks on him. He was buried where he was killed.

He was a small, fair-haired youngster, only a boy. He was very popular with the boys.

Informant:- STEIN, F.H., 282,
20th Battalion,
No.4 Aust.General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

G.V.M.
27/9/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.