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**677 Private  
Laurence Charles  
Workman**

**18th Battalion**



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POST CARD

CORRESPONDENCE

ADDRESS ONLY

Private L. G. Workman  
18th Battalion  
B Company.  
Missing since Aug  
1915.

A.I.F. 3. Coy. 18th Btn

WARRIOR  
Pte. Lawrence Chas. 577

"M. 27-8-19"

X/Action 27-8-15 - no burial  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 12-9-19.

London  
20-12-19

M & S

18th A.I.F.  
B.Coy 5th Bde

Workman,  
Pte. Lawrence Charles  
677.

"Missing"  
9.-----

Kin A 27.8.15

Killed in Action dated 27.8.15 - Previously reported Missing

Cert, by A.I.F.Headquarters dated 30.8.17

London 5.9.17

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18 A.I.F.

B. Coy

5 Bde.

Kin A 27-8-15

M. 22/8/15.

Workman,  
Pte. Lawr.C. No.677

Charles

Capt. Sadler and search party found Workman's body in the vicinity of Hill 60 on the 28th October, 1915. The body was buried. The chaplain of the 163rd Brigade, 54 Div. read the burial service. Workman met his death during the first or second charge at Hill 60 on the 22nd or 27th of August.

Ref. :- Sadler, Capt.  
18 A.I.F.  
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18 Batt., A.I.F.

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A 27-8-15

S' Bde. (Missing).

WORKMAN,

Pte/Cpl. L.C. 677.

Laurence Charles

During the four days after 18th August, Workman was stretcher-bearing under the direction of Informant. During this work he was always the first to volunteer for any dangerous duty.

On 25th August, Workman had rejoined his Company as Corporal, and took part in the charge at Hill 60. Midway between our and the Turkish trenches, Workman was hit in the head by a bullet and killed instantly. Informant saw his body the next day. He was buried by the Gurkhas. For their services as Stretcher-bearers, both Informant and Workman were mentioned in Sir Ian Hamilton's last despatch.

Workman was young, thick-set, fair, medium-height.

Refs- Spooner.

Pte.S.A. 146, No.4 A.G.Hospital, HANDWICK.

Private Address:- 14 Phillip Street, REDFERN.

D.W.

15. 6. 16.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

MT RE S.  
CO

Med.

18th A.I.F.  
B Coy.

5 Bde. *Kin A*  
M. 27/8/15:

Workman,  
Pte. Laurence 677

*Charles*

When Capt. Sadler went out with his search-party on 28/10/15 at Hill 60 he got this man's disc, and buried the body at Hill 60 in a trench. The Chaplain of 153rd Brigade officiated. Workman was afterwards mentioned in Sir Ian Hamilton's despatches of 11/12/15. Capt. Sadler knew Workman well. He came from Waverly, Sydney, but Sadler thinks he was an Englishman.

Witnesses - Capt. R.M. Sadler, 18th Battalion, D. Coy.  
Lieut. J.M. Doyle do do  
Sergt. Sloper, W.J.L. 114 do do

W.J.I.  
12/3/16

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Note:- Capt. Sadler had photos. of some of the men in his Battalion, whom he had buried, and he showed me Workman's. He seems to have impressed Capt. Sadler as being a man out of the ordinary.



18 A.I.F.

B. Co

5 Bde.

K in A 27-8-15  
M. 23.8.15.

WORKMAN

Pte L.C. 677

Laurence Charles

Witness was a member of the A.M.C. attached to the 2nd Div. of which this battalion formed part. This was the only man of that name in that division so far as witness knows. He was killed in Sept. near Pope's Post. He had been made a col by reason of bravery. Witness remembers him because he was already <sup>known</sup> ~~working~~ to volunteer for dangerous work. His bravery was conspicuous. Witness can give no information as to how he was killed or as to burial.

Ref:- Pte S.Spooner, 146,  
A.A.M.C. H.Q. 2nd Div.  
C/S Base, Giza, CAIRO.

J.L.K.  
10.2.16.

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