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Captain
WALKER John Stuart Dight
Military Cross
11th Battalion
21/7/18.
Killed in Action.
(Father) Rev. J. Walker.

enlisted 12/4/15

Next-of-kin
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Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier John Stuart Dight Walker, Captain, M.C.
2. Unit and Number (if known) 11th Battalion
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
   Town (if any) Woollahra District Sydney State N.S.W.
   For last 10 years, at Kalgoorlie, Sandstone, & Mankatierra, W.A.
4. What was his Birthplace Birkenhead, England. Born when his parents were on a visit to Britain from Australia.
5. Date of Death 21 July 1918
6. Place where Killed or Wounded Wounded at Monquet Farm, 1916; Killed in Action at Merris, Flanders. (Sept)

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling Mining Engineer. When he enlisted, Mine Manager.
2. Age at time of Death 33.
3. What was his School Sydney Grammar School, Sydney
4. What was his other Training Sydney University, where he graduated B.E.
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia 4 months old.
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) No
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—
   He won his "Blue" both in Cricket & Football at Sydney University. a tall, handsome fellow, Absolutely fearless, always clean & straight. a born leader. Patriotic to the finger tips. After going all through the Boer[illegible] stunt & winning the M.C., he had his thigh (broken at Monquet Farm & for eight days & after some months in hospital, [illegible] returned to Australia. As soon as he was able to pass the Board, he [illegible] & [illegible] a Company, & [illegible] Battalion. Buried at Merris Military Cemetery
8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself.. (Please state Relationship)— His 4 brothers, one sister & father enlisted. Eldest brother, Rev. Arthur Dight Walker, M.A. 2nd Lieut: in Manchesters, fell leading his men to repel an attack on trench at Flers, France. Third brother, Alison Goodlet Dight Walker, Served Gallipoli campaign, Arabian Desert (Romani), Gaza (in Australian Light Horse). In 1917, appointed D.A.A.G. M.G. of Light Horse Brigade. Served thro' Palestine Campaign in that position. Mentioned in Despatches after Palestine Campaign, appointed A.A.G.D.M.G. of Australian Corps in France. Major. He won also the American Croix de Guerre. Fourth brother, Noel Dight Walker, enlisted in 1915, & went thro' the Gallipoli campaign with 11th Battalion. Transferred to 1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion in France by [illegible]. Lieut. Royal Rifles. Full Captain. Killed in action [illegible] Sept. 1918. Fifth brother, Hilton Maxwell Dight Walker enlisted in the A.M.C. with A.I.F. Served in Egypt & France. He afterwards joined the Royal Flying Corps in which he received a Lieutenancy & [illegible] the Flying Ribbon. Sister, Marjorie Lucie Dight Walker served as a Staff Nurse (formerly 2 years at Balaclava)
9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
   Name Rev. John Walker, St Andrew's Manse, Ballarat, Victoria.
   Relationship to Soldier Father (Ex-Chaplain A.I.F. - Served in Ballarat Camp; as Hospital Chaplain, on special duty in France & British Hospitals.)
   Address St Andrew's Manse, Ballarat.
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
    Name Prof: Sir Edgeworth David, Sydney University.
    Address

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