

WILLIAM FRANCIS FAULKNER.



William Francis Faulkner was born in Perth in January 1891 to parents Samuel and Margaret.

William attended Christian Brothers School in Western Australia.

At the time of enlistment, William was working at either the Barrabup or Ellis Creek sawmill and gave his occupation as that of a clerk.

N.O.K. Mrs. Faulkner of 16 Golding Street, West Perth.

Williams service record show that on enlistment, he was 24 years and 3 months old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighed 10 stone 4 pounds and had a chest measurement on 35 inches. Of dark complexion, dark hair and blue eyes.

William was posted to 7th Reinforcements 11th Battalion AIF.

Promoted to Corporal 16/6/1915.

Embarked at Fremantle, HMT "Karoo" on the 25th of June 1915 as part of a reinforcement contingent, 11th Battalion AIF.

On joining the battalion (4/8/1915) reverted to Private at his own request.

William had suffered bouts of sickness and marched into the 3rd Training Battalion on the 17/4/1916. From there William embarked on board the HMT Caledonia at Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force, joining the Australian Base Depot at Etaples (France) 20/5/1916. Re-joining the 11th battalion on the 23rd of June 1916.

During July 1916, the battalion was involved in heavy fighting at Pozières, William sustained shrapnel wounds to the back and passed away between the period 22nd / 25th July 1916.

William has no known grave.

A court of enquiry was held on the 20th of July 1917, citing the cause of death as Killed in Action.