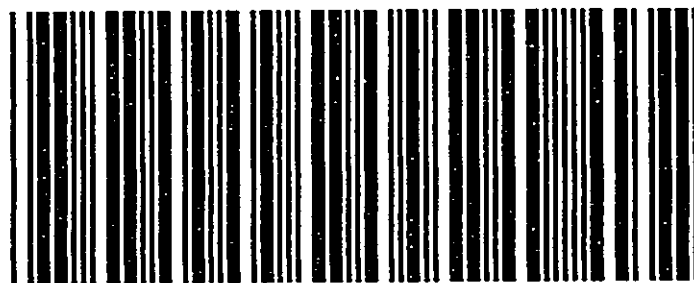


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**7707 Private
Alexander Sidney Ede**

2nd Battalion



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2nd Bttn.
A.I.F.

EDE.

A.S. 7707

"Killed 23-8-18."

At Mericourt in the hop-over he was killed by a shell out in the open - blown to pieces - in fact I was with him at the time. I knew him well. We came from Australia together.

Informant:- Dobbin. 7705
W.40. Harefield.

D.P. Dickson.
London.
16-11-18.
H.G.

S.

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

RDE
A.S. 7707

"KILLED 23-8-18"

At Chaubines in supports while moving up to an attack, he was killed at once by shell - blown to pieces. I was Stretcher Bearer. I saw him killed - I carried out one of the men wounded with him. I knew him well - he was in same Coy. as me. He was a married man and had two children.

Informant - Allard, Pte. 684
2nd Battn.
1st A.A.H.
HAREFIELD.

D.P. Dickson
15-10-18
London
25-11-18
H.G.

2.

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

RDE
A.S. 7707

"KILLED 23-8-18"

Ede was blown to pieces by a Shell at Chaulmes. We were advancing and in Supports at the time. He was killed instantly, and could not be buried. He was blown to pieces. Christian name "Alec".

The ground was held.

Informant - Allard, Pte. E. 7684

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Home Address:-

St. Malo,

Moore Street,

Campsie, off Clissold Parade,
Sydney. N.S.W.

2nd Battn. A. Coy., S/B
1st London Gen. Hos.
CAMBERWELL.

A. Reynolds

23-11-18

London

29-11-18

J.E.A.

S.

2nd Battalion.

RDE.A.S. I/Cpl. 7707.(26R.)

Clout, E.W. Pte. 6233.

Davis, W.F. Pte. 6732.

"Killed. 23/8/18."

These men were killed at Proyard, on 23/8/18, in a stunt before we got to Peronne. I saw them lying on the field, after they had been killed, and then saw them buried. A Padre officiated at their burial. They were buried in a little Cemetery, practically in the village. I painted the names on the crosses over the graves.

Informant - Private V.J.C. Lewis, No. 2345, 2436
2nd Battalion.

Private Address - 123 Edward St.,
Croydon.

G.S.A.

A.I.F. Furlough Bureau,
Sydney, 27/3/19.

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11th December 1918.

Australians. 2.

Ede A.S. No. 7707.

A. 23rd August 1918. Det D/B.

- I knew him pretty well. He came from Westworthville, P.M.M. He was about 23, short and dark. About the 23rd August we were near Probert in supports. In the early morning we were advancing when Ede was hit by a shell, and killed right out. He was blown to pieces. I saw it happen. I know nothing about burial as we were going on.

Inf:- Pte T.R.C. (M) Ball No. 1159.

A.I.F. 2nd Div. XI.

Austra. Conv. Depot.

CWSG.

PP.

2nd BATTALION A.I.F.
2nd Reinforcements

EDM A. I. Corporal.
No. 7707.

RECEIVED 23/4/41.

Informant described Ed as about 5 feet 8 inches high, well built
20/30. Married with two children, thought to have been an Orchardist.

Informant states that they both belonged to D. Company. On
21/8/18, the Battalion was in action at Freyart. They hopped over
about 4.30 a.m. About 5 minutes afterwards Ed was killed outright
by a shell. Informant was about 4 or 5 yards away and saw him hit.
Later on Informant together with another Stretcher Bearer was sent
out by Captain Wicken to find the graves of Ed and some other men
and found them in an open paddock at Freyart. Ed had been buried
in the same grave with 3 other men. A Cross had been placed on the
grave with the names of the 4 soldiers thereon.

According to Informant, Ed was a well liked chap. He wrote
to Ed's sister at the Red Lion Hotel, London and never got a reply.
Two days before he was killed Ed received a photo of his wife and
children.

Informant:- Private A. Harris, 741.

D. Company, 2nd. Battalion.

Home address:- C/- H. Hall.

Alworth Street, Merewether, Newcastle.

W.R.O.

No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RAISEWICK.

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24/4/41

2nd Battalion.
26th Rfts, A.I.F.

KDE, L/Corporal

Alexander Sidney # 7707

"Killed in Action". 12-3-18.

are Ede was a member of 15th Platoon "D" Company (of which I was a member). On the morning of the offensive of 23rd August 1918 we went in as reserves to the front line, and as we were nearing Proyart a barrage of 5.9 opened on us, going through which Private Ede was killed outright with several others. His remains were buried on the outskirts of the village of Proyart. Any further information I can give you, or the wife of deceased, I will gladly do so.

Letter from;- Private R. Watts (2nd Battalion)
5 Holmsdale Street,
Marrickville, Sydney.

9/7/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.