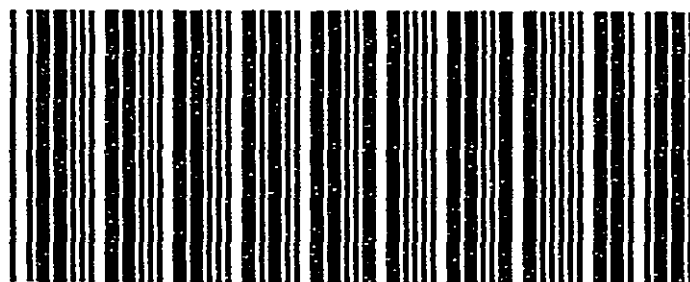


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1867 Private
Percy David Alcorn

42nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 42

ALCORN, P.D. 1867.

K. Sept 7th 1918.

I saw Alcorn of D.XV. or XVI. killed instantly by shell fire through the head about 200 yards from me on Friday Sept. 6th about 11 a.m. We had retired from Fritz' M.G. fire into a wood near Fincourt and Driencourt (Bois de Buix) when the shell fell and killed several. We went over to carry him out but he was dead. I don't know about burial but we held the ground.

Alcorn only joined the Battn. a couple of days before, so I can't describe him, but we got his paybook so know who it was. I think he came from 52nd Btn

Inf: Pte. W.M. Hulcombe. 3054. 42.D.XIV.
No. 3 Aust. Gen. Hosp.
ABBEVILLE. 24.10.18. HHH

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6th November 1918.

Australians. 42.

Alcorn P.D. 1867.

K. 7th September 1918. Det D/B.

I did not know him well, as he had only just come from the 52nd. He was medium build. On the 6th September we were in a little wood on the left, and about 4 kilometres from Fincourt. We had been attacking, and retired into the wood. Fritz shelled the wood very heavily, and about 11 a.m. Alcorn was hit. We heard that some were wounded, and went up and found Alcorn dead. I took off his paybook and papers. The Padre went up the next day to bury them in the wood.

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T.M.S. Pl. (Aust).
Austre. Conv. Depot.

CWSG.

PP.

42nd Battn.
A.I.F.

ALCORN.
P.D. 1967.

"Killed in Action 7-9-18"

No further report.

Cert: by A.I.F.Hrs 4-10-18.

Killed in Action 6-9-18. Previously reported Killed in Action
7-9-18.

Cert: by A.I.F.Hrs 27-11-18.

London.
29-11-18.

B.

42nd Battn.
A.I.F.

ALCORN.
P.D. 1867.

"Killed in Action 6-9-18"

On 6th September 1918. in Wood near Tincourt
was killed outright by shell. Was buried by me on the
field. Grave is registered by authorities.

Informant:- Major.A.A.Mills.
41st Battn. Chaplain.
RED CROSS.

A.D.G.
London.
25-1-19.
J.E.A.

B.