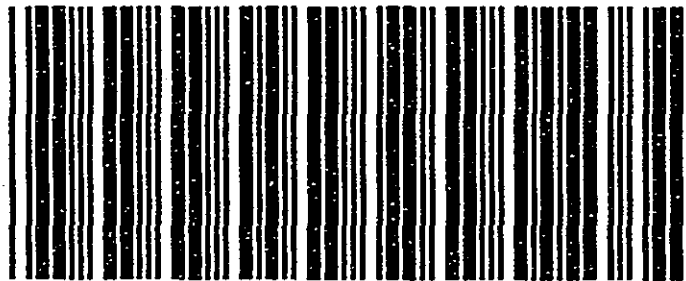


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**755 Private  
Reginald Alderson**

**42nd Battalion**



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42nd Battn. D. Coy.  
A. I. F.

ALDERSON  
R. 955  
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"Killed 4-10-17"

Refer to stretcher bearer, Stevenson, D. Coy. 42nd Battn.,  
who is now in France, he was with him when he was killed at  
Ypres, and can give full particulars of casualty.

Informant. Miles Sgt. <sup>W:</sup>H. J. 181  
42nd Battn. D. Coy.,  
3rd A. A. H.,  
DARTFORD.

W. Oman  
London  
5-4-18

B.

Note:-

Written to S/B. Stevenson 5-4-18

A I F. 42.

Alderson.R. 755.

K Oct.4/17. Det.D/B.

I did not know till the next day that he had been killed; but I saw him buried outside the trench at Ploegsteerte. It is unlikely that the grave would be found again; very likely it was not marked. He was Cook, came from Brisbane, about 34-35. VI

Inf:- Mulrenan. 624. III

A T 'Newhaven'

Calais. 6 4 18 CR

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A.I.F. 42

ALDERSON, R. 755.

K. Oct. 4/17. Det. D & B.

I had the following from Pte. Swenson of 42 D. 14 (still there). He said he was stretcher bearing with Alderson at Ypres during our hop over of 4th Oct., and that he saw him get killed. He said he was killed instantly by a piece of shell in the stomach. Swenson and Alderson were mates - in same Pl. - Alderson was an original. I did not know him much myself.

Reference: Pte. L. T. Outler, 2293.

No. 11 Con. Camp Bucy Nr. Rouen. 22.4.18.

*Written Swenson*  
*7-5-18*

FEP.

*212 pm 18/10/18 S/B. Swenson, D. 14, 42 D. 14*

*B*

*with me on 4th 5/10/18 & killed in Pl. Swenson  
with again.*

*T. J. ...*

Havre.

27th. April. 1918.

42nd. Australians.

Alderson, R. 755.

K. October. 4/1917. Dets. D/B.

He was in D. Company, and the 14th. Platoon. He was a mate of mine and Private Angus McIntosh of the 42nd. Battalion, D. 14, told me about November 4th when I had rejoined the Battalion that he had seen Alderson lying dead at Eschendaele on October 4th. I also heard from Private Swainson 42nd. Battalion, D. 14, that he was with Alderson when he was killed by a shell - a piece went through his stomach. They were both / Bearers. Alderson was rather grey, about 6, about 5 feet 9, heavy built, came from Griston I think. He had been a saddler.

Inf:- Private. A. Corbett. 770.  
42nd. Australians.  
H. S. "Guilford Castle".

*Written by McIntosh*

*7-5-18*

CWS.

B

Havre.

1st. May. 1918.

42nd. Australians.

Alderson, R. 755.

K. October. 4/1917. Dets. D/B.

I saw him killed at Ypres on October 4th during an attack at Eschendaele. We gained our objective. Alderson was killed by a shell. He was very stout, elderly, fair.

Inf:- Private. A. Simpson. 1035.  
42nd. Australians. H.S.  
H. S. "Panama".

CWS.

C

A. I. F. 42nd Bn.

ALDERSON, E. 755.

Killed Oct. 4/17. Det. D/E.

On the date mentioned I saw him, on the Ypres Front, walking behind a couple of German Prisoners who were carrying a wounded man, when a piece of shell killed him and one of the Prisoners. He was buried behind the line, and a man named W. Swenson was one of the burial party. I knew Reginald Alderson well: we came to Brisbane together June 3/16, after training together in Thompson's Paddock, Enogorra County, and sailed from Sydney June 5/16 in the "Border". We lived in the same tent together. He was a butcher in civil life; single; 30/32; in D.Coy. XIV Pl. with me.

Reference: E. Morris, 882, D.Coy. XIV.

Mc.12 General, Rouen, 9.5.18.

AE.

B 2204

42nd A.I.F.

Alderson. Pte. R. 755.

(K. Oct. 4/17.)  
Det. D/B.

"I saw Alderson blown up at Zonnebeke while stretcher bearing, and he was buried on the field while we were digging in at our 2nd objective. The place was marked at the time, but there has been so much fighting over the ground since then, that there is not likely to be much trace of it left now."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: Pte. W.R. Gross. 798.  
42nd A.I.F.  
Horton Hospital,  
Epsom.

Home address:

29/5/18.  
D.M.Burton.

42nd Battn  
A.I.F.

ALDERSON  
R. 755

"Killed in Action 4-10-17"

Re Pte. Alderson, he was a mate of mine, and I am very sorry to say that he was killed in action on the 4-10-17. He was killed on the field and was buried by a burying party. There were a lot buried at the same place, so I am hearly certain that all the graves would be registered. He was a big built man, standing fully 6' and always clean shaven.

Latter from:- McIntosh. Pte.A. 846  
D.Coy. 42nd Battn.,  
FRANCE. 21-6-18

London  
28-6-18  
A.M.H.

B.



Re Ack. P.O. 20/6/16  
Amitt.

France

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110 55 St. R. Alderson

The Secretary

Stoppage 5/11

Went down 4/11/17

Enquiring between

and between body

755 R. AIDERSON

42<sup>nd</sup> Inf. Bn

K/F 4-10-17

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Yours to hand of

The 7<sup>th</sup> day of July I could not answer it because  
that as you know we have been daily busy to take

Mr. Alderson was a Major. I think I  
saw him some time ago that he was killed in action  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> 10 17. He was killed on the Tula  
and was buried deep in a trench. There were  
a lot buried at the same place. I am nearly  
certain that at the grave would be required  
it was a big built man. Standing fully 6 feet  
I always clean graves

We will please excuse me as I am  
very busy at writing the description of an

Amitt.

Yours Sincerely

Sgt. Thos. J. Mc. Deton

R. Coy. 4<sup>th</sup> Bn. P.I.F.