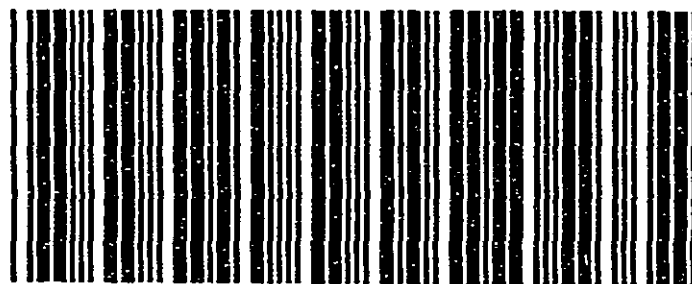


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7437 Private  
Warwick Houldsworth  
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Alexander

3rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 3rd Btn

ALEXANDER  
W.H.H. 7437

"K/A.24-6-18"

Died of wounds 24-6-18 - 1st A.C.C.S. no later details  
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26th. August. 1918.

3rd. Australians.

Alexander, W. H. H. 7437.

D/W. June. 24/1918. Dets. D/B.

Came from Sanssouci near Sydney, single, quite young, the only son. Some of our men have written to his Mother full particulars. He was wounded by a bomb in the trench & badly - & taken back to C.H.Q. & died at the D/Station. We were holding the line at Meteren. This is all I know.

Inf:- Private. C. R. McPhail. 7527.  
3rd. Australians. B. 5.  
Hospital Ship.

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ALEXANDER, W.H.H. 7437.

D/W. June 24th, 1918.

I saw Alexander hit in the stomach by two bombs in front of Strazeele just at dusk in Fritz's post. We had just attacked. I wrote to his people in Australia and told them he was killed. The Padre, Major Wilson, 3rd.Bn.(C.of E), also wrote to his people. The Padre could also give particulars of Clark, D. F. 2297, Capt. Higginbotham and Lieut. F.W.Taylor.

Alexander lived in Sans Souci where his people had the baths.

HEH.

Informant:- L/Cpl.R.Taylor. 105. 3.B.HQ.  
2 Stat. Hosp.

Above witness wrote Alexander's people telling them that he was killed instantaneously (though he was carried back to a D/S or CCS), thinking it would be kinder to them. I don't know what Major Wilson told them. HEH.

Abbeville  
27.8.18.

3rd Battalion, A.I.F.  
"B" Company.

ALEXANDER W.H. Pto. No. 7437.  
W. H. H.

"Killed In Action. 24/6/18."

Informant described Alexander as about 5 feet 9 inches high, medium complexion, aged about 20 or 21 years. He came from Drummoyne.

Informant states that they both belonged to "B" company, No. 6 Platoon. On the 24/6/18 the Battalion was near Meteren. Both informant and Alexander with their Company, took part in an attack on a Hun strong post, about 100 yards away from our own line. Informant was wounded in the attack and was taken to a Dressing Station which he thinks was the No. 2 Field Ambulance near Berre, just outside Hazebrouk. While there, he saw Alexander on a stretcher alive, but did not speak to him. He had been wounded a minute or two before informant, but the informant did not see him hit. He heard nothing further about Alexander.

According to Informant, Alexander was a well liked chap.

Informant - Private E. J. Homewood, No. 5107,  
"B" Company, 3rd Battalion.  
Home Address - Napier Street,  
Tamworth.

W.E.G.  
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,  
SYDNEY.

23/12/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

3rd Battalion.  
A.I.F.

ALEXANDER,  
W.H.H. 7437.

"Died of Wounds 24-6-18"

On June 24th to right of Meteren during our attack on enemy's lines - about 1 c/o in morning. Was hit in the stomach by bomb fragment. I was alongside him and wounded at same time. We were taken out to D/S, then to 1st Australian C.C.S. at St Omer, where he died same day. Was buried in Military Cemetery there, but have not seen his grave. Christian name Alex, had only joined up 6 weeks - came from Country districts, New South Wales.

Informant:- Cpl. E.J. Hayden. 1293.  
3rd Battn. B.Cc. VI Pl.  
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.  
London.  
28-8-18.  
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3rd Battn.  
A.I.F.

ALEXANDER  
W.H.H. 7437  
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"Died of Wounds 24-6-18"

I saw Alexander on a stretcher at the dressing station at Borre. He was wounded in the same stunt as I on 24th June, up near Meteren, in front of Guttersteene, but I can't say anything later about him or give particulars of his wounds. I think it was 2nd Fld. Amb. dressing station.

Informant. Homewood. E.J. 5107  
3rd Battn. B.Coy.,  
Hut 21,  
WESTHAM.

CL 12-6-18 records death at ACCS

W.A. Rand  
London  
28-8-18  
J.E.A.

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A.I.F. 3.

ALEXANDER, W.H.H. 7437.

D/W June 24/18. Det. D/B.

I ~~do~~ not know Alexander very well, he was a very big man. I do not know details of his death, but have seen his grave and taken note of it. He is buried in the British Cemetery just outside Hazebrouck. A cross marks the grave.

Reference: Geo. Alewood, 6702.  
No. 11 Con. Camp Buchy Nr. Rouen. 31.8.18.

JWA.

O.C.'s Draft.

Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>

O.C.

1<sup>st</sup>. Aust. C.C. 8<sup>th</sup>.

B. P. I.

France.

7437. Pte. W.H.H. ALEXANDER

3<sup>rd</sup>. Bn. A.I.F.

(A. I. W. 24.6.18.)

A.I.F. 5<sup>1</sup>st Battrn.

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