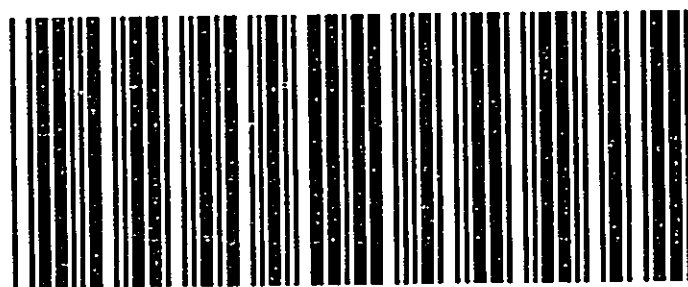


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4198A Lance Corporal  
William Henry Leslie  
Pearce

17th Battalion



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17th Battn. A.I.F.

is the W.H.L.  
PEARCE

Pte. W.S.L. 4198

Killed 31/8/18

Buried Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension, 1.6E., SSP. 4375/1

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Halpouge  
17/12/19

17th Battn.  
A.I.F.

PEARCE.  
W.H.L. 4198A.  
4098A.

"Killed in Action 31Aug"

No further report.

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

London.  
28-11-18.

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A.I.W. 17th Btn

PEARCE  
A.H.L. 4198a

"K/A. 31-8-16"

Buried 620 H.W. I 15 d.2.9. 18th Btn Orderly Room.

Informant E. E. H. Belgium  
31-1-19.

J.E.A.  
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Carroll W.H.L. No.4198 A.

K. 31st August 1918. Det D/B.

He was killed at Mont St Quentin by an explosive bullet. He was shot through the heart and I assisted to bury him a day or two after and put a cross over the grave. He came from Maitland N.S.Wales. He was in the same Company

Inf:- Pte L.M.Gardiner No.3840.  
A.I.F. 17. D. V.  
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A I.P. 17th Btn

PEARCE  
W.H.L. 4198a

"K/Aug. 31/18"

I saw Pearce B.Coy, killed instantly by machine gun bullet near to me at Mont St. Quentin about 6 a.m. during the hopover. He was wounded in the foot first & was just putting the Lewis gun down (he was no 1 on gun) in the trench to go back & get his foot dressed & he was shot through the heart about two minutes after the first wound. Don't know about burial.

Description: Called Sandy Pearce, little, thickset chap about 32/33 years, from Maitland E.S.W

Informant - Pte A. Duncan 4407  
17th Btn B.Coy,  
Belgium.

J.R.A.  
London  
H.E.H.  
12-2-19 4198

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17th BATTALION. A.I.F.  
10th Reinforcement.

PEARCE.  
Acting Lance-Cpl W.H.L. 4198A.

"KILLED. 31.8.18."

I wrote from abroad to his people at East Maitland, giving all particulars. The Padre also wrote. I helped to bury Pearce. I am going to East Maitland in a day or two to see his people.

He was about 21 years of age, and about 5 feet 6 inches in height. He was in B. Company. I was in the same Battalion and Company.

INFORMANT: Private A.V. Gardiner, 3840,  
B. Coy, 17th Battalion, A.I.F.

Home address; Barney Street, ARHIDALE.

G.S.A.  
A.I.F. Furlough Bureau, SYDNEY.  
3.6.19.

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