

## Alf Sydney – Chronology

1891 – 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Born, living 37 Henry Street, Workington. Father working in brickyard.

1901 - Census gives scholar, living 12, Glenfield Place, Barepot

1904 – 1908 – living Lowca Lane, Seaton

1908 – July – October, Working at Pasture Farm, West Newton

1908 – 1910 – living at Church Road, Seaton

1911 – 1917 – living St. Paul's Avenue, Seaton

1912 – May 27th, on holiday, Coniston  
- June 30th, on holiday, Bassenthwaite

1913 – August 3rd, on holiday, Southport

1914 – Working as a butcher  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> August, on holiday, Glenridding  
- 21<sup>st</sup> December – Enlisted 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Lonsdale), Border Regt.  
No. 2 Section, 13 Platoon, 'D' Company  
- 31<sup>st</sup> December – Postcard from Carlisle, no roll call today

1915 - 22<sup>nd</sup> February, two postcards care of Blackhall Farm  
- 10th May – Moved to Prees Heath Camp, Shropshire  
May – Postcard for Birthday Greetings sent to Prees Heath  
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Moved to Wensley Camp, Yorkshire  
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August – D Company Training at Strensall School of Musketry  
- 13th August – Moved to Codford St. Mary, Wiltshire  
- 7<sup>th</sup> September – Already qualified as trained stretcher bearer  
- Postcard home saying in London – home tomorrow  
- 16<sup>th</sup> September - promoted to Lance Corporal  
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September – on leave  
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November – on leave  
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Arrived in France  
- December, Battalion in billets at Aveluy

1916 – April Battalion in quarantine for measles at Contay Wood  
- 1<sup>st</sup> June Battalion at Bouzincourt  
- 12<sup>th</sup> June Field Post Office 97  
- 1<sup>st</sup> July, Alf wounded  
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> July family notified?  
- 7<sup>th</sup> July postcard to Alf in County of London War Hospital, H Ward, Epsom, Surrey  
- 11<sup>th</sup> August postcard to Alf ColWH  
- 14<sup>th</sup> August, listed in Times wounded column as suffering from shellshock



D Company, 11<sup>th</sup> Service Battalion (Lonsdale), The Border Regiment  
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- 15<sup>th</sup> August Alf says in PC transferred to Alnwick
- 21<sup>st</sup> August postcard to Alf CoLWH
- 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October series of postcards to & from Hut 21 Camp B, Convalescent Hospital, Alnwick
- September 12 – 16 & 24 – 26, at West Ditchburn Farm, Eglington
- 12<sup>th</sup> October postcard to Alf at home – leave?
- 14<sup>th</sup> October postcard from Alf in London
- 15<sup>th</sup> October in Alnwick according to message on previous postcard
- 11<sup>th</sup> November A Coy., 3<sup>rd</sup> Border Regt. North End Camp, Walney Island

1917 – 2<sup>nd</sup> January, postcard Prees Heath Camp, off to Barrow tomorrow, home later

- 5<sup>th</sup> April Folkestone – about to sail for France ?
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Hut 17, A Coy, 3rd Border Reg, Moor Lane Camp Crosby Liverpool
- Dated 21<sup>st</sup>, postmarked 23<sup>rd</sup> June, postcard from Field Post Off. 64
- 10<sup>th</sup> July, killed in action – Nieuport-Lombardzyde, Belgium reported missing

1918 – 10<sup>th</sup> May confirmed killed in action in Workington Star (11<sup>th</sup> in West Cumberland Times)

