

Surname	McDermott
Forename	Alfred George
Initials	A G
Age	33
Honours/Awards	
Date died	29/09/1918
Rank	Second Lieutenant
Regiment	Australian Infantry, A.I.F
Unit/Squadron	44 th Bn.
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Villers-Bretonneux Memorial
Grave Reference	
Further Information	Youngest son of Mr and Mrs T.J. McDermott, of 86 Serpentine Road, Wallasey. Educated at Wallasey Grammar School.
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News Report

Fell Leading His Men

The sad information has been received that 2nd Lieut. Alfred George McDermott was killed in action on September 29th. He was 33 years of age, and joined up in Australia with the Imperial Forces in October, 1915. He came to England as a corporal, and was promoted to the rank of quartermaster-sergeant before leaving for France, about two years ago. He was subsequently gazetted second lieutenant. He was educated at the Grammar School, and as a boy went to Messrs. Smith, Edwards and Co., cotton brokers, Liverpool, and from there to Australia to join his uncle in business. He was a keen footballer and swimmer, and a younger son of Mr and Mrs T.J. McDermott, 86, Serpentine Road, Wallasey. Another son, Richard F. McDermott, is a director gunner in the Navy.

Captain R. Skinner writes:- "Dear Mr and McDermott, -- Please allow me to convey to you and your family the sincerest sympathy of the officers and men of

this company in tour recent sad bereavement. Your son was doing his duty nobly and well in the front rank of our attacking troops when he was killed. It was a painless death caused by a machine gun bullet. I have known him for a long time and can assure you that he was one of the most respected officers in this Battalion. His men thought a great deal of him, and we will all miss him now and in the future. He was buried by his comrades not far from Bouy, north of St. Quentin. Our only comfort now is in the thought that he has taken his place in that deathless army with God. Let me again offer the sympathy of each and every one of us."

References and Acknowledgments

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