Gunner Cedric Noel Alsop (XC 1907–1911)

From The Xaverian 1915 p. 24
Cedric Alsop paid us a visit in October, looking robust and hearty, but—apart from growth—not much changed appearance. He took the keenest interest in going over old scenes, and was surprised to find still at school some of the boys of his time. He was present in November (1914) at the O.X.A. Smoker. He is now in the Red Cross Corps, after having spent eight weeks in the infantry. He has been on the land since leaving school. His brother Dick is also on the land.

From The Xaverian 1917 p. 55
Alsop, Cedric and Dick.—Someone told us (1) that both had gone to war (~we knew that Cedric had ‘listed in 1915); and (2) that one of them had been killed. Will any Old Boy at the front kindly send us word of them.

From The Xaverian 1918, p. 37
Gunner Cedric Alsop.—Poor Cedric was killed in action on 27th September, at the young age of twenty, and after having seen active service for three years. A few months previous to that he had won the Military Medal for Bravery. Here is the official account of it—

“For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 5th April 1918 during the attack on our line opposite Dernancourt Gunner ALLSOP—the Medical Orderly to his Battery—carried out his duties with untiring effort and under most trying conditions. His fearlessness and unfailing attention to the wounded and his behaviour under heavy shell fire set a splendid example to all present. And earned for him the highest esteem of his comrades.” (Source: Commonwealth Gazette No. 185 Date: 27 November 1918)

And here is the unofficial, from a schoolmate —

“Cedric won the Military Medal during the last

The village of Tincourt was occupied by British troops in March 1917, during the German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line. From the following May until March 1918, Tincourt became a centre for Casualty Clearing Stations. After the Armistice it was used for the reburial of

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Gunner Cedric Noel Alsop
Service Number: 13253
Rank: Gunner
Unit: 10th Australian Field Artillery Brigade
Award: Military Medal
Date of death: 27 September 1918
Place of death: France
Cause of death: Killed in action
Age at death: 20
Place of association: Hawthorn, Australia
Cemetery details: Tincourt New British Cemetery, Tincourt, Picardie, France.
Grave Reference: Plot V, Row G, Grave No. 15

Tincourt New British Cemetery Map

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