Second Lieutenant Percy Rodriguez (XC 1913-14)

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Percy John Rodriguez

Rank: Second Lieutenant
Unit: 23rd Australian Infantry Battalion
Service: Australian Army
Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918
Date of death: 20 March 1917
Place of death: The Somme, France
Age at death: 24
Place of association: Broome, Australia
Memorial details: Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, Picardie, France

From “The Xaverian” 1914, p. 65

Tuesday 9th June — Rodriguez being still too old for school football, resumed his task of last year: that of coaching the junior team. Wherefore the “Under 15’s” are now “Under 16,” for Percy wears his light and dark blue with his League number “16” on the jersey. He reports excellent material and fine prospects for the year, and for the stuff of the school XVIII, a couple of years hence.

From “The Xaverian” 1915, p. 45

P. Rodriguez, when he paid a few visits to the school late in the year, was a fully-fledged sergeant with No. 2 Platoon at the Officers’ Training school at Broadmeadows. Despite camp “stew,” Percy was as jolly as ever. He looked healthy and happy, and as hard as nails. I think—but am not sure—that he secured his commission before sailing. In any case he is a likely man.

From “The Xaverian” 1916, p. 63

Percy Rodriguez — a piece of paper fallen out of the late Editor’s box, on which is written just this: “Captain.. Rodriguez, Lt.” What is an Editor to make of that? Are the dots meant for Percy, and the Lt. to denote that not only is Percy a Captain, but that he is equal to a limited company of them? Anyhow, being a Private, we give the salute and then add officially the sincere wish that whether Captain or Lieutenant, Percy is tiq-top. The Second Division want to see their old coach on their field, where they promise to confer all sorts of distinctions on him.

From “The Xaverian” 1917, p. 73

Lieutenant Percy Rodriguez — Sadness was felt throughout the House when the Rector asked, before Mass, the prayers of the boys for Percy Rodriguez, killed in action at the front on March 29th. By his quiet, unassuming kindness, he became “the general favourite and the general friend”. May his unselfishness be meeting its abundant reward now, where generous measure is given, even for the least good.

Wikipedia: Percy Rodriguez (footballer)

John Filomeno "Percy" Rodriguez (5 January 1893 – 20 March 1917) was an Australian Rules Footballer who played with University and Melbourne in the Victorian Football League (VFL) and whose original team was Xavier College.

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