Alf Sydney – Chronology

1891 – 22nd 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
   - 3rd August, on holiday, Glenridding
   - 21st December – Enlisted 11th Battalion (Lonsdale), Border Regt.
      No. 2 Section, 13 Platoon, ‘D’ Company
   - 31st December – Postcard from Carlisle, no roll call today

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

1916 – April Battalion in quarantine for measles at Contay Wood
   - 1st June Battalion at Bouzincourt
   - 12th June Field Post Office 97
   - 1st July, Alf wounded
   - 5th/6th July family notified?
   - 7th July postcard to Alf in County of London War Hospital, H Ward, Epsom, Surrey
   - 11th August postcard to Alf CoLWH
   - 14th August, listed in Times wounded column as suffering from shellshock
- 15th August Alf says in PC transferred to Alnwick
- 21st August postcard to Alf CoLWH
- 1st September to 4th October series of postcards to & from Hut 21 Camp B, Convalescent Hospital, Alnwick
- September 12 – 16 & 24 – 26, at West Ditchburn Farm, Eglington
- 12th October postcard to Alf at home – leave?
- 14th October postcard from Alf in London
- 15th October in Anwick according to message on previous postcard
- 11th November A Coy., 3rd Border Regt. North End Camp, Walney Island

1917 – 2nd January, postcard Prees Heath Camp, off to Barrow tomorrow, home later
- 5th April Folkestone – about to sail for France?
- 23rd April, Hut 17, A Coy, 3rd Border Reg, Moor Lane Camp Crosby Liverpool
- Dated 21st, postmarked 23rd June, postcard from Field Post Off. 64
- 10th July, killed in action – Nieuport-Lombardzyde, Belgium reported missing

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