

ALDERSON, Oswald Percival



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The Atatürk Memorial at Ari Burnu on the Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey
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Oswald Percival Alderson (known as Percy) was born in 1881 in Grafton, NSW. His parents, William Henry and Elizabeth Catherine had seven sons and four daughters between 1873 and 1890.

Percy was 17 years old when he arrived at HAC in 1897. He completed his Diploma at the end of 1898, and by 1903 he was working in Western Australia.

Percy was 34 years old when he enlisted as a Gunner with the 3rd Field Artillery Brigade in Brisbane on 28 August 1914.

Embarking from Brisbane on board Transport A22 Rangatira on 25 November 1914, Percy served at Gallipoli.

As a member of the 7th Battery, he was Killed in Action 19 August 1915 and, like fellow HAC ex-student Charles Puckle, is buried in Shell Green Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey. His Commanding Officer at the time of his death was Captain Waite, who later, commanding the 8th Battery, fired the last shell on Gallipoli prior to the Evacuation.

Percy's brother, Reginald who had enlisted in the 42nd Battalion on 20 November 1915, was Killed In Action 4 October 1917.