

Brevé Walker

Sergt. Dudley Shearwin Matheson
was the only son of Mr & Mrs. G.
Gordon Matheson of Kellara.
He had just passed his first year
in Dentistry when he enlisted
in 1915. He was born on the
3rd of February 1896 and was
educated at The Church of England
Grammar School North Sydney.

He left Sydney with
reinforcements for the 30th
Battalion but was transferred
to the 13th in Egypt and sent
to France.

He was wounded at
Poitiers, being hit by a number
of pieces of an explosive shell.
An operation failed to remove all the
pieces; five were still deeply imbedded
when he rejoined his Battalion
in March 1917.

He was notified on the morning
he was wounded that he had

been recommended for his
Commission, but he missed this
distinction by being wounded
on the 11th April 1917. about
Three weeks subsequent to his
rejoining his Battalion he was
reported "missing" after an attack
on the "Hindenburg line" and six
months after ~~wards~~. This as there
was no ^{notification} ~~record~~ received of his
being a Prisoner of War, he was
recorded as "Killed in action"

His Parents have since received
a report from another noncommissioned
officer who states ~~that~~ that he helped
dress Sergt. Matheson's wounds &
placed him in a deep German Dugout
where he was left with a number of
others, as they ^{dropsing, are} ~~had to retire~~ ^{are} ~~retire~~

Although every effort has
been made, no further trace of
him can be found up to the
present.