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209 Driver Edward Albert Follington

11th Field Artillery Brigade



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A.I.F. 11th Bgde A.F.A.

FOLLINGTON
A.E. 209

"D. of Wds. 26-2-17"

Died of wounds 26-2-17 at 60th Fld.Amb advanced Dressing Station - buried at Ginchy - Ad. Dress: Stn by Rev. Bowman 10 R.B.

Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 5-6-17.

B

London
22-6-17

A.F. A 11 Bde 42 Bty FOLLINGTON, A.E. 209.

D/W Feb 26th 1917. Dets D/B.

I knew Follington. He was killed at the same time as Hansen and buried on the same day at Flers.

Inf: Dvr W.J. Bell. 1549.
No. 14 General
BOULOGNE. 16.7.17.

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AUST. F.A. 11 BDE. 43 BATTY. FOLLINGTON. A.E. 209

HANSEN. 2041

D/W Feb.26th.1917 Det D/S

We were moving forward from Flers to Gueudecourt and had taken the gun into position and were starting back when a high explosive shell burst just on the side of the road. Both these men were very badly wounded, also a man named Potter, and all were carried to a Field Dressing-station on the Montauban Road going from Flers. We heard afterwards that they had died from the effects of their wounds. I was in 43 Battery at that time but they used to be three of my gun drivers They all came from Queensland. WSI

Ref ---Bombadier W.H.Hodgson. 5541.
No 16 Gen. Hospital

Le Treport. July 30th.1917

B

11th Battery.
A. F. A.

Ellington.
A. E. 209.

"Died of Wounds 26.2.17"

I was on the next gun to his when I saw him fall hit by shraphel. He died within an hour. Saw his body buried hurriedly in a shell hole, but forget if any cross. In any case it was all submerged later. Sgt. Jack Esther of his Battery the 43rd was in charge of his section and can give full details.

Witness:-
C. Oram 4743.
11th Bgde. 42nd Battery. A.F.A.

L. P. J.

London.
31.7.17.

B.

Note Written Sgt. Esther 20.7.17.

A.F.A. 11 Nde. FOLLINGTON, A.E. 209

D/W Feb.26/17. Det D & B

Follington was in the same Battery as myself, No.42. I was not present when he was hit, as I was in the gun piy about two miles away from where the gunsw were in action. I heard about Follington from some of the ther drivers. He was on the same gun mk with two men called Pottes and Hansen, and the three of them were taking up ammunition for the limber, when they were knocked out by the same shell. Lt.Ewen of the 42 Bty was in charge of their party that day. I heard that all the bodies were taken away but I cannot say where they were buried.

Informant: Gunner A.R.Harrett 775
42 Bty,
2nd Army Rest Camp.
BOULOGNE. 4.8.17. HMH

Hansen's name appears in the last list of cancels.
He was hit at the same time as Follington, and they would probably be buried together. HMH

Havre 6th August.1917.

Australian - Field Artillery FOLLINGTON, A.S. 269
11th Bgde.

D/W. Feb. 26th. 1917. Det. D/B.

He was in the 42nd Batty. I know him well. He came from Queensland. At Flers about the end of February I was on the guns. Follington was a driver; he had been up with the horse team and shifted the guns. He was on his way back to camp; a shell fell amongst them and killed four horses and two men. Follington was one of the killed. I was told this by Wheel Driver Lewis of the 11th Bgde., 42nd Batty., who told me he saw this happen. I saw a cross being made for Follington, but never saw his grave.

Interment: Corner F.S. Clover 1587
11th Bgde. 42nd Batty.
Australian F.Artillery.
Havre Hospital.

D.C.

A. I. F.

Follington, Gunner A.E. 209,
11th Brigade, 42nd Battery

(D/W Feb. 26/17. Det D & B)

"I was helping to get our guns into position on the night of the 26th Feb/17 against Ginchy, when a shell fell amongst our men and horses. Gunner Follington was among the killed. They were buried the next day close to the Red Cross Ambulance."

Eye-witness: No

Description: Having only just joined the Battery, I knew nothing about him

Informant: Gunner Arthur Finlay, 2340,
11th Bgde, 42 Battery, A.I.F.,
D. of C's Canadian Mil. Hospital,
Home address: Taplow, Bucks.

B Ld Staff

20th August 1917.
W.H. Sawyer.

Sgt Jack ESTHER 19.7.17.
43 Battery AFA
BEF

for

209 A.E. FOLLINGTON

11 Battery AFA

D.W. 26.2.17

L.R.
26/7/17.

23rd June 1917.

The Officer Commanding,
60th Field Ambulance,
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked to obtain details of the wounds, sufferings, and death of - No.209 Pte A.E.Follington, 11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade, who died of wounds at the advance dressing station attached to your Ambulance on 26-2-17.

His relatives in Brisbane on whose behalf we are inquiring, will greatly appreciate your help in the matter.

With apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

V.L.

Secretary
K.A.W.

13th March 1918

Lt. Colonel Follit,
Officer Commanding,
4th Field Ambulance,
A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your note of 7-3-18, regarding our letters of inquiry to Members of the 4th Field Ambulance for information concerning their less fortunate comrades. In reply we beg to state that the details we desire are strictly unofficial in most cases and are only known to the soldier to whom we apply. We are constantly obliged to trouble the Commanding Officers of Ambulance units for official news and are most grateful for the information they supply,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.