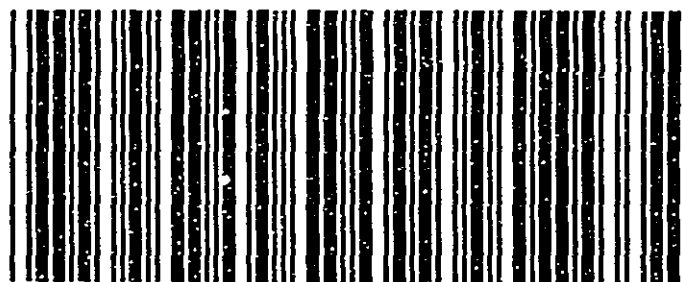


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**6067 Private
William Ernest Foster**

26th Battalion



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26th BATT. A.I.F.

FOSTER. W.E. 6067.

K.Oct 4th.1917. Det.

He was in B.Coy, VII Platoon and was my friend. I saw him lying dead as we were going over at Ypres on the 4th. He had been killed by a piece of shell which had struck and entered his forehead. Stretcher-bearers told me afterwards that he had been buried. I wrote to his mother at Morningside, Brisbane, giving her full details and have received a reply from her.

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Ref ---Pte J.W.Heilig. 6087.
No 16 Gen. Hospital.

Note
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FOSTER, W.E. 6067.

K. Oct 4th 1917. Dets.

I knew Foster personally and we came over together. He came from Morning Side, Bulumba, Queensland. On Oct 4th we went over for an attack on a German position near Zonnebeke village. We reached our objective. During this attack an H.E. shell burst near Foster and a fragment struck him in the head and killed him right out. Though in the same section I was not very close to him at the time as I was doing temporary S/B work but one of my fellow S/B told me he saw him lying dead. With regard to his burial I understood that the 2nd Fld.Amb attended to that and I have since heard that he was buried in Zonnebeke village. I have written to his mother, giving all these particulars but when writing I was unable to give any details about the place of his burial having heard of that later.

Inf: F.E.Lobwin. 6102. 26.B.VII.

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26th A.I.F.

Foster Pte. W.E. 6067

(K. Oct. 4th 1917 Dets. D/B.)

"I knew Foster. He was killed at Ypres on the 9th Oct.
(I believe) by a shell. There was very heavy fighting at the time.
I do not know where he was buried."

Eye witness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: Pte. H. Edwards, 6066,
26th A.I.F., A Coy.,
Cornelia Hospital, Poole.

Home address:

28.7.18.
Herbert Bradley.

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