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Lieutenant
Albert Edgar Fothergill

9th Battalion



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9th A.I.F.

Fothergill,
Lieut. A.R.

K. in A.

Killed in Action 20/4/16, France. Buried 13th London Graveyard,
Grave No. F34.

Cert. by -

A.I.F. Headquarters,
130 Horseferry Road, 6/7/16.

London,
6/7/16.

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FOTHERGILL, Lt.A.E.

Died April 20th. Details.

I know this officer well because I was battalion messenger and I had several times to take messages to him. We were in billets near Sally and a shell came over and went through the billet and killed him and 24 others. I did not see this happen myself, though I was in the billets close by, but I helped to bury Lt. Fothergill that night. He was buried at Sally Cemetery where the lads of our battalion were buried. The Adjutant read the service for him. All the men who were killed at this time were buried in the same grave. Lt. Fothergill was well liked by the battalion.

Informant: Pte Darchy. 2378.

S.S. "Cambria".

BOULOGNE. July 10th. 1916. EFN.

9th Battn.
A.I.F.

Fothergill,
Lieut. A.E. -

K. in A. April 20th, 1916.

Lieut. Fothergill was engaged in dressing the wounds of Pte. Williams, while in billets at Saily, Armentieres, France, on 20th April, 1916, about 11 a.m. when a shell burst in the billet and blew the Lieutenant's head off, leaving the wounded private untouched. Informant was alongside them at the time and was also untouched.

Informant - Pte. G. Franklin, 9th Battn. C Coy.,
No. 1340
Harefield Park Hospital.

Searcher -
P. Cunliffe,
12th July, 1916.

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Ans.
4.9.14.

51 Ballybrook St
Lawrence Hill Bristol

Dear Sirs I am writing to ask
you if you could give me
any particulars respecting my late
brother Lieut. A. E. Fothergill
who joined the Australian
forces the latter part of the year
1915 and was either killed or
died of wounds in April some
time about the 3rd week 1916
I hear from Australia he was
buried in London Graveyard No 13
grave # 34 I should like to know
if this is correct as I cannot
understand if my brother was
in hospital in England he did
not let me know as I had
not seen him for 10 years
I enclose a letter I have
just received from the school

where he was educated so
that is the reason I am
now writing to you please
send me if possible the
Place of Casualty, date of
death, place of death and
if known where buried
and you will much oblige

Julia Wright

P.S. if I have not sent
this to the proper quarter
I would be much obliged
if you would forward it
to the same for me.

I send you the only
address I ever had of him
and I wrote to him and
my letter came back
marked billed perhaps
he was transferred to

James as he sent me the
address from Australia when
he first joined up

Lieut Albert Edgar Loshergill
1 of the Rpts 25 Batt
of the Inf Brigade
Egypt - A.D. 7

September 5th 1919.

Mrs J. Wright.
51, Cattybrook Street
Laurence Hill,
Bristol.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter concerning your brother Lieut. A. E. Fothergill 9th Btn A. I. F. we beg to inform you of the following details which we ^{have} concerning him. He is officially reported to have been killed in France on 20.4.16. and to be buried in the 13th London Graveyard ^{France} in Grave No. F. 34.

From unofficial reports given about him by men in his unit we learn that Lieut. Fothergill was in Billets at Saily near Armentieres and was bandaging the wounds of one of his men when a shell exploded near the billet and killed him and a number of others instantly. He was buried with others in a cemetery near Saily and the burial service was read by the Adjutant.

We are returning the letter you enclosed and trust these particulars will be of assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS.) *Lilian A. Whybrow*

SECRETARY.

D.S.