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Lieutenant  
FITZGERALD, Leslie Emmet James

5th Battalion

25. 7.16

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P. Fitzgerald, Esq. (Father)

# Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia, in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier Leslie Emmet James Fitzgerald
2. Unit and Number (if known) 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion : Lieutenant
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)  
Town (if any) Melbourne District Abbotsford State Victoria
4. What was his Birthplace Brunswick
5. Date of Death 25.7.1916
6. Place where Killed or Wounded Pozieres

## Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling Officer of the Commonwealth Public Service
2. Age at time of Death 23 years
3. What was his School Christian Brothers College, Victoria Parade, East Melbourne
4. What was his other Training Lieutenant, Citizen Forces, 55<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Collingwood)
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia Born in Australia
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars)  
Vic. Lieutenant 55<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Collingwood) Citizen Forces
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—  
Would specially refer you to Genl. Forsyth concerning his service & the attached letter is submitted
8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—  
Capt John Daly D.C.M. (Cousin) Edward Maher (Cousin) A.F.C.  
Cashier Fitzgerald (Cousin)
9. Name and Address of the parent or other person giving this information—  
Name Maher Fitzgerald  
Relationship to Soldier Maher  
Address #2 Abbotsford St Abbotsford
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information  
Name Genl Forsyth, Secy National Federation, Collins St Melbourne  
Address Colf Maistres 90 Defence Dept Melbourne

NOTE.—This Folder is Addressed to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.

NOTED ON H.R. CARD

One of his school scholars  
Senior Public  
Brilliant Scholar.

Passed Federal Clerical

France,  
August 1st 1915

Dear Madam,

It is with feelings of deepest sorrow that I am writing you these few lines to give you the meagre details of how your gallant boy met his death.

We had a hard task set us and one which called forth strenuous efforts on the part of the Battalion Bombers of which your son was the leader.

We succeeded and "Fitz" as he was called seemed to bear a charmed life ; always in the thick of it, his coolness and courage a fine example to his men. He got through the assault and it was not until the second German counter attack that a chance shot killed him, his death being instantaneous.

When I reported his loss to our General he voiced my opinion when he said "The Brigade has lost in Fitzgerald the best Bomb Officer in the Australian Forces".

I assure you his loss is keenly felt by us all and I feel particularly sorry always for you mothers who must bear this sorrow so far away.

Yours sympathetically,  
P.H. Le Maistre, Lieut'Col.  
C.O. 5th Battalion, A.I.F.

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