

## Winchelsea

Mr. and Mrs. George Alsop, of Fairview, Winchelsea received these letters from officers concerning the death of their son Frederick, killed in action.

### 24<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Company

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Alsop,

It is my painful duty to inform you of the death of your dear son, Frederick. On the night of the 17<sup>th</sup> October, at 11 P. M., we were holding the line in a sector, which had previously been won, and your son, with two other boys, were killed instantaneously by a shell falling on the dugout which they occupied. I must express my deepest sympathy, as a more pleasant boy I could not have had in my section. He was liked by all who came in touch with him. I buried him just beside the cemetery, and a short burial service, which was read over him, was conducted by myself. I have made arrangements to have a cross put on his grave before our unit leaves the line. Your other boy is greatly upset, and is looking after Freddie's personal kit, which he has sent to England. I can assure you I will look after your other boy, and watch in his interest. Any further information, I will only be too pleased to send you. Kindly accept my deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement.

I remain yours sincerely

Myers (Lieut.)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Alsop,

Allow me to express my deepest sympathy with you in your very sad bereavement. Your boy was a splendid soldier and a clean living one and we feel his loss deeply. Your one consolation must be that he died, as all soldiers like to go, swiftly doing his duty; which I can say he always did smilingly and courageously. Arrangements have been made to place a cross on his grave. Your other boy, Bern, is rather cut up, but we are giving him a rest off the line, and he is fast becoming his old self. You may be assured we will see that he is well looked after. Mr. Myers has him under him. He is an old officer, and understands, - I am, yours sincerely

H. J. Sykes (Captain)