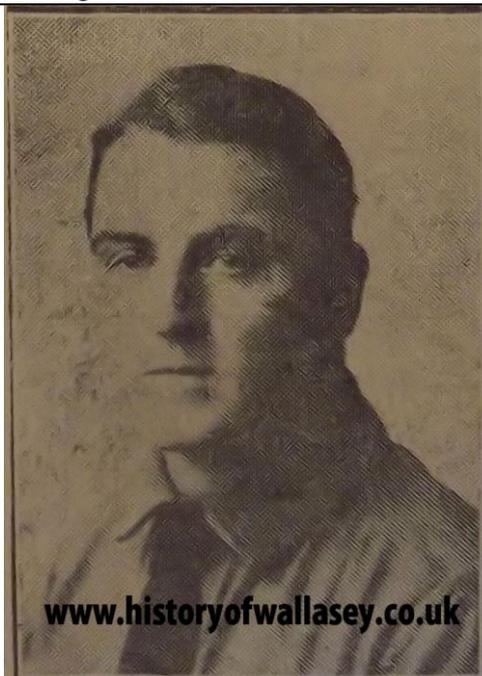


Surname	Foster
Forename(s)	Frederick Sebastian
Initials	F S
Age	30
Honours/Awards	
Date died	07/05/1915
Rank	Private
Regiment	Australian Infantry, A.I.F.
Unit/Squadron	11 th Bn.
Service Number	894
Cemetery/Memorial	Lone Pine Memorial
Grave Reference	33
Further Information	Son of Frederick Augustus Charles Foster and Jane Foster, of 28, Rullerton Rd., Liscard, England. Native of Liverpool, England.



News Report

With The Australians At The Dardanelles

The sad intimation has reached Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foster, of 28, Rullerton Road, Liscard, of the death from wounds received in the severe fighting at the Dardanelles of their eldest son. Private Frederick Sebastian Foster was serving in the 5th Battalion of the Australian Imperial Forces, which have paid in heavy losses for the conspicuous gallantry they have shown in the Gallipoli fighting. His death occurred on May 10th. The announcement of it, accompanied by an expression of their Majesties' sympathy, arrived from London, whence it had been cabled from Melbourne.

Many messages of sympathy have come to Mr. and Mrs. Foster in their bereavement, which is felt the more sorely – though there is the consciousness that he died bravely – because they had not seen their son for seven years. Other members of the family are abroad, and they were looking forward to a

reunion at Liscard in the near future.

Private Foster, manly in character not less than in physique, was 22 when he went out seven years to seek his fortune in Australia. After experiences elsewhere, he settled in Albany, where he became assistant superintendent of the fire department. He enlisted immediately upon the outbreak of war, and reached Egypt with the Expeditionary Force in December, leaving last month for the Dardanelles, where the Australians have sacrificed themselves as bravely in the cause of Britain.

Private Foster had marked artistic gifts. His facility and deftness with the pencil would certainly have assured him a successful career as a black and white artist. Nearly all his letters home were cleverly illustrated.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster have another of their sons with the colours. Eric, at home, delayed no longer in enlisting than did his brother abroad. He joined the Lancashire and Cheshire Royal Garrison Artillery. His letter to his parents after receiving the news of his brother's death shows the strength of the affection there was between the two and the deep feeling the event has stirred in him.

"We have the satisfaction," he writes, "of knowing that he died like an honourable man and a Foster. Who could wish a more glorious death? It is invariably the bravest who go first." He adds: "I shall cherish his memory throughout my life – a man in every sense of the word. I have one thing firmly planted in my mind. If ever I have the good fortune to come to grips with the enemy someone shall pay for this before I go."

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