

The Late Pte. Alfred Eggins.

Mrs. T. Laurie, of Jones' Island, has received the following letter in connection with the death of her son, Private, Alf. Eggins, who was killed in April of this year:— France, 11/4/1918.

Dear Mrs. Laurie, — Allow me under the sad circumstances to write and share with you my deepest sympathy in the loss of your son, Private Alfred Eggins Your son was one of the bravest and best soldiers I've had in my platoon, always ready and willing to do all duties asked; in fact, many times he did work voluntarily to save others who were not quite as well as they might be.

The blow came on me as platoon commander on April 6, when in the front line a hostile shell fell in the hole your son was in, kill ing him and two fellow-mates instantaneously. He was in a Lewis gun section and a better crew never manned a gun. He did excellent work on the 3rd — three days previously — when Fritz attacked us. I was much hurt, losing not only eight of my boys that morning, but also had a brother, Lieutenant F. H. Jennings, killed. The tour was one of the worst I've experienced, but, thank God, some got through safely, holding good our position and keeping the enemy off. Your son was recommended for duties of the 3rd and I hope his fortune to gain some decoration comes through. 'Well, Mrs. Laurie, as platoon commander I feel it my duty to write you and all other parents (13 of my platoon who lost sons and husbands), trusting you feel easier with what news I've sent. I almost forgot to mention we buried your son as the last esteem we could show under the circumstances. Again expressing mine and the boys of No. 5 platoon's sympathy,

Sincerely yours,

Lieut. L. N. JENNINGS,
B Coy., 46th.