

**Letter written by Private W.M. Walker RAMC to his father in Guernsey.**

It tells of the death of Major A.H.P. Davey on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1917. He was with "A" and "D" Companies who were attached to a pioneer battalion working in the area of Langemarke.

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*"Well Dad, I want you to take notice of what I am going to tell you. While we were in action I was told that some of the Guernsey boys had just come up a few miles behind the firing line. I thought Walter may be with them so I went down to see but he was not with them, only half of them were there. As I was talking to some of the lads Fritz started to shell us. I had to take cover with the Guernsey boys: as I was looking where the shells were bursting I saw one burst among some of the lads. I went up to see if anyone had been hit. I found that Major Davey had been badly wounded so I bandaged him up and put him on a stretcher and with the assistance of three of the Guernsey battalion carried him away. We carried him about three miles to the dressing station. He was wounded in the head and foot. He was able to speak a little, I told him I was a Guernseyman, he said he was pleased that a Guernseyman was dressing his wounds. I had to go back to duty so he wanted to know my name and he shake hands and said I must thank you for bringing me though such heavy shell fire you will hear from me again. I then came away. I passed the dressing station an hour after and was very sorry to hear Major Davey was dead. Well Dad, I suppose you will have this news before anyone else so you can please yourself if you tell Mrs. Davey. But I should like you to let her know everything was done for him and he did not suffer."*