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Two Sunshine Residents Killed in Shocking Accident

First Constable Phillips and Mr. W. S. Ferguson

A dreadful accident occurred yesterday afternoon at the corner of Ballarat and Rosamond roads, Footscray, when a Daylesford-Melbourne passenger service car collided with a timber trailer, with the result that two men were killed instantly and two others injured, one of them critically. The killed were:

First Constable James Albert John Phillips, 37 years, of Sunshine.

William Stewart Ferguson, 43 years, storekeeper, of Hampshire road, Sunshine.

INJURED

Kenneth Madeley, 41 years, hotel keeper, Daylesford, head injuries (condition critical).

John R. Littlehales, 31 years, service car proprietor, Hepburn Springs.

The car was travelling along Ballarat road toward Melbourne, and just as it was approaching the tram terminus, a motor truck, with a trailer attached, came out of Rosamond road. It is surmised that the driver of the car thought that he could pass behind the truck, but the presence of the trailer was apparently a surprise, and he accelerated to try and pass it, but was unable to do so. The car struck the back of the trailer with terrific

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back of the trailer with terrific force, and getting out of control, carried away an electric standard and a water hydrant. The body of the car was practically torn to rib-

bons and the two Sunshine men were killed instantly.

It is understood that the Daylesford men came to Sunshine to see Mr. Ferguson, who was formerly in business in that town. Whilst here they met First-Constable Phillips, who discovered in Mr. Madeley an old acquaintance. Constable Phillips was contemplating visiting his wife and family, who were residing with relatives at Albert Park, his usual daily practice. He had to resume duty at 6 p.m. and the car driver volunteered to drive him to his destination, and Mr. Ferguson accompanied him, with such a sad result.

First Constable Phillips had only been in Sunshine since the 1st January of this year, having been transferred from Portland, where he had been stationed for three years. Previous to that he was for eight years in the plainclothes branch, being attached to the Camberwell district. Those privileged to know him since he came to Sunshine found him a good officer with a likeable personality. He was musically inclined, and possessed a fine tenor voice, which would probably have been heard more often in Sunshine had he lived. His wife has been in ill-health for sometime, and she had been residing with relatives at Albert Park, pending the procuring of a house in Sunshine. The late Constable Phillips had two daughters, aged 9 and 14 years; the eldest gives promise as a singer and she had been a member of the Methodist Church choir at Portland.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, leaving 224 Reidmont street, Albert Park, for

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morrow afternoon, leaving 224
Bridgport street, Albert Park, for
the Burwood cemetery at 2 p.m.

The late Mr. Ferguson was born
in Daylesford, and resided there
continuously until coming to Sun-
shine 18 months ago. He had been
a service car proprietor at Dayles-
ford. He was liked and respected
by everybody, being of a quiet, but
pleasant retiring disposition. He
leaves a widow and five children to
mourn their loss. The funeral
will take place tomorrow, leaving
his residence, Hampshire road, Sun-
shine, for the Footscray cemetery.

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