

Surname	Beanland
Forename	William
Initials	W B
Age	36
Honours/Awards	
Date died	30/09/1917
Rank	Gunner
Regiment	Royal Field Artillery
Unit/Squadron	42nd Bty. 2nd Bde.
Service Number	171706
Cemetery/Memorial	Les Baraques Military Cemetery, Sangatte
Grave Reference	I.C.8
Further Information	Only son of William and Jane Ellen Beanland, of 7, Cloughton Drive, Wallasey, Cheshire. Native Of Leeds. Joined the army in Sept. 1916 and had only been in France for three week before being killed by a gas shell. Leaves a fiancée, Miss Mabel Hopkins.
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#### News Report

##### Died From Shell Gas

The sad news has been received that Gunner William B. Beanland, R.F.A., died from shell gas on Sept. 30, at the General Hospital, Calais. The brave soldier, who was 36 years of age, joined the Army on September 26 last year, and had only been three weeks in France. He was representative of Messrs. Dowdalls, Ltd., buttery factory, Commercial Road, Road, Bootle. Much sympathy has been expressed for his widowed mother, Mrs. J.E. Beanland, 7 Cloughton Drive, Poulton – he being the only son – and his fiancée, Miss Mabel Hopkins, also of Wallasey.

The Matron of the Hospital, writing to Mrs. Beanland says:-“I wrote to you yesterday informing you that your son, Gunner Beanland, R.F.A., was

dangerously ill, having been shell-gassed. I am so sorry to tell you that during the day he became rapidly weaker, and died in the afternoon, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Everything possible was done for him, and he received every care and attention, but I fear that he was so very ill on admission that there was little hope then of his recovery. He will be buried in a cemetery near here, part of which is set aside for British soldiers and carefully looked after by our men. This is very sad news indeed to tell you, please accept our very deep sympathy for you in your great loss.

#### References and Acknowledgments

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