

Surname	Beecroft
Forename(s)	William George
Initials	W G
Age	20
Honours/Awards	
Date died	25/03/1918
Rank	Private
Regiment	Gloucestershire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	2 nd /6 th Bn.
Service Number	267161
Cemetery/Memorial	Pozieres Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 40 and 41
Further Information	Only son of William and Martha Beecroft, of 11, Belle Vue Road., Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire.



News Report

Killed Before German Advance

Mr and Mrs William Beecroft, of 11, Belle Vue Road, Seacombe, have received the sad intelligence that their only son, Pte. William George Beecroft, aged 20, who joined the Cheshires and was transferred to the Gloucester Regiment, was killed in action on March 26. He joined up in November, 1914, and had been nearly two years in France. HE was educated at Riverside Council School, and was a painter by trade. He attended Oakdale Presbyterian Mission, and the Sunday School, United Methodist Church, St. Paul's Road.

Capt. L.W. Just writes:

"Dear Mrs Beecroft. – It is my painful duty to tell you that your son, Pte. Beecroft, was killed by shell fire on the 26th March at Maricourt, a few honours before the Germans advanced at this place. We buried him behind the trench. Fortunately he was killed outright, and therefore could have experienced no suffering. He was a good fellow and universally liked. Allow me to express my

very sincere sympathy with you in your loss. It is only too often that the young fellows fall in action which makes war all the more cruel to those who wage it.”

References and Acknowledgments

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