

Surname	Collcutt
Forename(s)	George Alfred
Initials	G A
Age	35
Honours/Awards	
Date died	23/07/1918
Rank	Company Sergeant Major
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	1 st /4 th Bn.
Service Number	200016
Cemetery/Memorial	Raperie British Cemetery, Villemontoire
Grave Reference	X.C.7
Further Information	Son of the late G. A. and Sarah Blake Collcutt; husband Of Mary Collcutt, of 12, Walmsley St., Egremont, Wallasey, Cheshire.



News Report

One Of The Old "Greys"

The sad intimation has been received that Company Sergt.-Major Alfred Collcutt (Alf), Cheshire Regt., was killed in action on July 23. He was an old Volunteer, and had put in seventeen years' service with the Cheshire Regt. – the Greys. He mobilised on August 4, 1914. He was drafted to Egypt where he was on active service for two and a half years, and had only been four weeks in France when he was killed. Thirty-five years of age, he was educated at Tranmere High School and at Seacombe Wesleyan School, under the late Mr. James Wright, and served his apprenticeship with Messrs. Pemberton Bros, Tobin Street, Egremont. He was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs H.W. Blake, 62, Rice Lane, Egremont. His wife, who is left with three young children, resides at 12, Walmsley Street, Egremont. Mrs. Blake's youngest son is serving in France.

Lieut.-Col. C.H. Swindells writes:- "Dear Mrs. Collcutt – It is with very great

sorrow I write to acquaint you of your husband's death in action on the 23rd July. He was killed instantaneously by a shell and could have suffered no pain at all. I am afraid that nothing I can do or so can help you in your great grief, but it must be a little consolation to you to know your husband died doing his duty as a soldier should. He was a most excellent company-sergt.-major, always ready, a good disciplinarian, and with a very good knowledge of his duties. His work was always reliable, and I looked upon him as one of my most dependable warrant officers. He belonged to a very good company, who will miss very much indeed."

References and Acknowledgments

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