

Surname	Danby
Forename	Geoffrey George
Initials	G G
Age	19
Honours/Awards	
Date died	25/04/1918
Rank	Private
Regiment	Worcestershire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	1 st Bn.
Service Number	206222
Cemetery/Memorial	Pozieres Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 41.
Further Information	Son of Mary Hannah Danby, of 15, Percy Rd., Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire, and the late Noble Ormonde Danby.



News Report

Musketry Instructor Killed

Mr and Mrs Noble Danby, of Westfield House, Percy Road, Seacombe, old residents in the borough of some 53 years, have sustained a sad loss by the death of their youngest son Geoffrey, who was killed in action on April 25th in France. He was educated at the Wallasey Grammar School, and joined the 4th Cheshires on Nov. 15th, 1915, on his 17th birthday, and was in training until he went out with a draft to France, where he was joined up to the 6th Platoon of the 1st Batt. B Company of the Worcestershire Regt. He threw his whole heart and energies into the work of the Army, and acted for some time as corporal musketry instructor before going to the front.

His captain writes as follows:- "He was with me holding a trench that the Germans were heavily bombarding, and was killed by a shell that burst in his post. Though I realise that nothing that I, a stranger, can say will lessen the grief you feel at his loss, I hope it may be of some help to you that you can be proud of him for the cheerfulness and readiness with which he did his duty,

remaining with perfect steadiness in a post of danger that it was of the utmost importance to hold in spite of the enemy's shelling. Though he had only been a month under my command, I already knew your son as a good soldier, and a cheerful comrade well liked by his fellows, and I regret his loss to the company and the regiment. Believe me that in your deep sorrow you have the respectful sympathy of myself and my brother officers."

One son, who was also educated at the Wallasey Grammar School, and who joined the 4th Cheshires at the beginning of the war, is in the Machine Gun Corps, and went out to the Macedonian front in October, 1916, and is now in Egypt. The third and eldest son was in the A.S.C. in France, and was sent home for an operation to his right hand which has resulted in the hand having had to be amputated.

The boy who has paid the sacrifice was beloved by all who knew him, and had his life been spared his future was full of promise.

The flag was flown at half-mast on the Liverpool Corn Exchange to honour the memory of Corpl. G.G. Danby, who prior to joining up was in the employ of Messrs. Shipton, Anderson and Co., corn merchants.

References and Acknowledgments

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