


Surname	Forshaw
Forename	Richard
Initials	R
Age	28
Honours/Awards	
Date died	19/05/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	11 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
Service Number	16844
Cemetery/Memorial	Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St. Eloi
Grave Reference	I. M. 12
Further Information	Son of Richard and Mary Ann Forshaw; husband of F. Forshaw, of Attleborough, Nuneaton. Native of Egremont, Cheshire.
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#### News Report

The death is announced of Private Richard Forshaw, of 48 Palermo Street, Seacombe, who before the war, was employed at the Seacombe Baths. He joined the Cheshires a month after the war was declared, and went to the front twelve months later.

Second-Lieutenant W. Curwen, in a letter to Mrs. Forshaw, mother of Private Richard Forshaw, who was killed, writes :-"Having just read your son's optimistic letter (in my position as censor), it makes it frightfully hard for me to write you this note. You dear women of England have been so brave and noble during this ghastly war, giving up your sons and husbands with scarce a demur - that I feel you will hear what I'm going to tell you with fortitude and resignation. Dick has given his life for his country and proved his manhood and patriotism up to the hilt. Struck by a falling beam of wood to-day, the result of a bursting shell close by - even while he was in the act of taking his mid-day meal - he sustained a fractured skull and passed away later in the afternoon. I am sorry to lose him from my platoon - he was a good and cheerful worker,

steady and reliable. My heartfelt and deep sympathy goes out to you, his mother, for I know if my sorry is great at losing him, yours must be infinitely more terrible. - Yours sincerely, W.Curwen, 2nd Lieutenant, No. 15. Platoon Commander".

#### References and Acknowledgments

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