

Surname	Freeman
Forename(s)	Herbert Leonard William
Initials	H L W
Age	22
Honours/Awards	
Date died	20/09/1917
Rank	Private
Regiment	Lincolnshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	1 st Bn.
Service Number	22433
Cemetery/Memorial	Tyne Cot Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 35 to 37 and 162 to 162A.
Further Information	Second son of Mr. And Mrs. S.H. Freeman, of 31 Florence Road, Seacombe. Was killed by a bursting shell which blew up at his feet hitting him severely in the body and head, and his left leg was practically blown away from the thigh, killing him instantly.
<p>News Report</p> <p><u>Killed By A Shell</u></p> <p>News has been received of the death of Herbert Leonard William Freeman, aged 22 years. He was killed in action by a bursting shell on Sept. 22. He was educated as a bandsman at the Duke of York School, Chelsea, and at the age of 14 was placed in the band of the Lancers. He was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Freeman, 31, Florence Road, Seacombe. His younger brother, Gordon Freeman, was killed in action in September of last year.</p> <p>2nd Lieut. A. Brown writes:-</p> <p>“Dear Mrs. Freeman. – It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the death of your son, a highly respected member of my platoon. We were on a carrying party at the time, taking up cables, etc., for the Royal Engineers, and had almost reached our destination when a shell burst almost at your son’s feet. He was severely hit in the body and head, and his left leg was practically blown away from the thigh, killing him instantly. I cannot tell you how sorry I am at losing him. He was one of my best Lewis gunners, and men like him are very hard to find at present. He always was of such a cheerful disposition, and was very popular with the remainder of the platoon. Please accept my deepest sympathy, and I only hope you can find some consolation from the fact that he died, as I am sure he wished to, fighting for the country we are all so proud of.”</p>	

References and Acknowledgments

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