Surname	Howell
Forename	Alfred
Initials	A
Age	20
Honours/Awards	
Date died	24/03/1918
Rank	Private
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	9th Bn.
Service Number	50088
Cemetery/Memorial	Arras Memorial
Grave Reference	Bay 5 and 6.
Further Information	Son of Mrs. Sarah Ann Howell, of 46, Sherlock Lane, Poulton, Wallasey, Cheshire.

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News Report

Killed By Concussion

Mr and Mrs E. Howell, 46 Sherlock Lane. Poulton, have received official news that their second son, Pte. Alfred Howell, Cheshire Regt., was killed in action on April 24. He was 20 years of age, and was previously wounded twelve months ago. He enlisted in February, 1915, and had been in France about a year and a half. He was educated at Poulton Council School, attended St. Luke's Church and Sunday School, was a member of the Poulton Cadet Corps, and formerly employed by Mr. W. Evans, Wensleydale Dairy, 391, Poulton Road.

Captain Arthur W. Sarnes write:- "Dear Mrs Howell, - I feel I must write and express my deepest sympathy with you in the tremendous loss you have sustained in the death in action of your son Alfred, who for nearly 2 months had been my servant. I only heard of his death on my return to the battalion from hospital, or I would certainly have written to you before. He was one of the finest type of boys it has ever been my luck to meet, and his untimely death

I'm sure is a bitter blow to you, for I know even during our short acquaintance I had become very fond of him indeed. It will probably be of some slight comfort to you to know what his death was instantaneous and painless, as he was killed by the concussion of a big shell which burst quite near him. He was not hit by any bits of the shell by all. The company sergeant-major was able to bury him before the Germans advanced, and also to put a little cross over his grave. Once again assuring you of my deepest sympathy with you in your overwhelming loss."

References and Acknowledgments

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