Surname	Newton
Forename(s)	Arthur John
Initials	AJ
Age	24
Honours/Awards	
Date died	Between 30/07/1918 - 31/07/1918
Rank	Second Lieutenant
Regiment	Somerset Light Infantry
Unit/Squadron	2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Raperie British Cemetery, Villemontoire
Grave Reference	IIA. A. 10.
Further Information	Son of J. H. and Clara E. Newton, of 12, Harrowby Rd.,
	Egremont, Wallasey.



## **News Report**

Mr and Mrs J.H. Newton, of 12, Harrowby Road, Egremont, have received information that their eldest son, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. A.J. Newton, of the Somerset Regt., was recently killed in France. Lieut. Newton, who was educated at the Poulton Road School, was 24 years of age, and prior to joining the colours was employed by Mr. Dunthorne, Castle Street, Liverpool.

Writing to his parents the deceased's captain says:- "Ever since your son has been with us he has been extremely well liked by everyone, more especially by his own men. He was a splendid fellow, and his quiet humour used to keep us all bubbling. We all miss him." Referring to the manner in which Lieut. Newton met his death, the officer adds, "He was asleep at the bottom of the trench when a shell struck him. His death was instantaneous, and he was laid to rest the same evening, July 30<sup>th.</sup>"

A brother, Trooper Geo. Newton, of a cavalry regiment, is also serving in France.

## References and Acknowledgments

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