

Surname	Stevenson
Forename	Edward
Initials	E
Age	33
Honours/Awards	
Date died	15/10/1918
Rank	Lance Corporal
Regiment	London Regiment
Unit/Squadron	2 nd /19 th Bn.
Service Number	6353
Cemetery/Memorial	Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St. Eloi
Grave Reference	III.H.3.
Further Information	Son of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Stevenson; husband of Eleanor Annie Stevenson, of 19, Demesne St., Seacombe. Native of Seacombe, Cheshire. Served in the South African Boer War campaign.
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News Report

Seacombe Corporal Killed

Mrs. Stevenson, of 19, Demesne Street, Seacombe has received word that her husband, Lance Corporal E. Stevenson, of the London Regiment, has been killed in action. The deceased soldier, who served in the South African War leaves a widow and one young child to mourn his loss. The company Sergeant Major, in a letter to Mrs. Stevenson, says:-

“It is with deepest regret I write to inform you that your husband was killed on Sunday afternoon about 4.15. It may be a little satisfaction to you that his death was instantaneous, and he suffered no pain whatever. As sergeant-major of his company, I have always found him to be a painstaking N.C.O., and one who would have gained rapid promotion. His first thoughts were for the men placed under him, both on and off duty, and being so conscientious to duty that he gave his life for his country. All the officers, N.C.O.’s, and men of his company offer

you their deepest sympathy in the loss of a faithful husband and a brave soldier, sympathising with you in your bereavement.”

A comrade, Private Alfred McDougal, in a further letter to the widow says:-
“His unselfish and considerate disposition was the cause of his death. He stayed until his men were withdrawn from a dangerous position – he being the last to leave – when he was hit. You have the consolation of knowing that he suffered no pain, death being absolutely instantaneous, and the noble manner in which he died should be an incentive to us all. Just a word before I close. The boys of his platoon have asked me to enclose a note of condolence, which I willingly do, knowing how greatly they feel for you in your sad bereavement.

OFFICER’S SPLENDID TRIBUTE

The captain of the company, Captain F. D. Eames – in a letter to Mrs. Stevenson says :-

“It is my sorrowful duty to express to you my deepest sympathy in the death of your husband. He was indeed a splendid fellow, and a very gallant soldier. In your sorrow I hope you will find consolation in the knowledge that your husband died gallantly doing his duty in the face of the enemy. Our work out here is often very exciting, but your husband is one of the N.C.O.’s in my company whom I could always trust to carry out any duty entrusted to him, and he did it always in such a way that the men loved and respected him as much as did we, his officers. It was in the very front line that your husband fell – killed on the spot by a shell splinter – while engaged in the ceaseless watch on the company. Finally, let me assure you once more of the heartfelt sympathy, not only of the officers, but his brother N.C.O’s, and all the men of his company.”

Lance Corporal Stevenson was on the staff at Messrs. S.M. Bulley and Son, cotton brokers, of Liverpool, where he had been engaged for over 12 years.

References and Acknowledgments

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