

Surname	Whitehurst
Forename(s)	William Arthur
Initials	W A
Age	
Honours/Awards	
Date died	28/07/1917
Rank	Private
Regiment	Seaforth Highlanders
Unit/Squadron	8 th Bn.
Service Number	S/96668
Cemetery/Memorial	Tyne Cot Memorial
Grave Reference	XXXVIII. F. 1
Further Information	Second son of Mr G.A Whitehurst, of 2, Agnes Grove, Egremont. Educated at St. Mary's School, Liscard.



News Report

"One of the Best and Bravest"

The sad intelligence has been received of the death of Dispatch Rider William Arthur Whitehurst, of the Seaforth Highlanders, who was killed in action on August 28. H enlisted over two years ago, and had only been three months in France. He was educated at St. Mary's School, Liscard, and played in the school football and cricket teams. He was the second son of Mr. G.A. Whitehurst, chief park keeper of the Central Park, 2. Agnes Grove, Egremont. Two other sons are serving with the colours.

The Rec. W. Crawford, Chaplain writes:-

"Dear Mr. Whitehurst – You will have heard the sad news of your boy's death. He was killed on the 28th August while the regiment was in action. He was sent on a message to the front lines, and while a bit of shell pierced his shrapnel helmet, killing him instantaneously. He was one of the best and bravest runners

that we had, and he was such a good boy, of exceptional character. Everyone seemed to have a splendid liking for him. Somehow or other we had a fear that he would not always escape. He would take a message through where another would have halted. He was absolutely fearless and obliging. From the Commanding Officer downwards, especially his own officer, everyone experienced a keen sense of loss and grief at his death. There are few whose death has affected me more. You would know that he had been strongly recommended for his conduct during the last time in the trenches, but only a few were chosen. I cannot think of another more worthy to receive all honour, and especially does this refer to the "well done" of the Master. You have lost a noble son, and we are a very gallant soldier, and a splendid comrade. I trust that God himself will strengthen you and grant you hope in darkness."

References and Acknowledgments

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