

Surname	Woodroffe
Forename(s)	Charles Edward
Initials	C E
Age	30
Honours/Awards	
Date died	27/07/1918
Rank	Second Lieutenant
Regiment	Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	15 th Bn.
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Locre No.10 Cemetery
Grave Reference	A.5.
Further Information	Son of Alderman and Mrs. C.J. Woodroffe, 'Mere Bank'. Promenade



News Report

Alderman's Son Killed

Heavy Shell In Dug-Out

Alderman and Mrs. C.J. Woodroffe, "Mere Bank," the Promenade, have received a wire from the War Office conveying the sad news that their second son, 2nd Lieut. Charles Edward Woodroffe, was killed in action on July 27. The brave officer was 30 years of age, and had only been married five months. He joined up in September 1914, with the Lancashire Hussars, and after undergoing training for his commission, was gazetted this year with the Notts and Derby Regt. (Sherwood Foresters). He was educated at the Wallasey Grammar School, and formerly took a great interest in the work of Liscard Congregational Church, where he was a Sunday School teacher. He was also a member of the Wallasey Harriers.

His younger brother Frank has been over two years in France, and so far is all

right.

Capt. R.J. Ross writes:- “Dear Mrs. Woodroffe – “I am extremely sorry I have to inform you that your husband 2nd Lieut. C.E. Woodroffe was killed on July 27. He was in the front line and at 9 a.m. during some shell fire in his dug-out, killing him and his servant instantly. I cannot tell you how much I sympathise with you in your sorrow. I had only known your husband for two or three days as I had been away from the company for a time, but it was long enough for me to appreciate his good qualities, and I was looking forward to knowing him better. Again assuring you of my warmest sympathy.”

The Chaplain writes:- “Dear Mrs. Woodroffe – By now you will probably have received word from the War Office that your husband was killed in action on the 27th. I want simply to express my deepest sympathy with you and to assure you of my warm regard for your husband. I saw him only a short time before he was killed, and we talked together of the eternal things, and I know his face was in the right direction. We have buried him in little cemetery, and will erect a cross over his grave.”

At a special meeting of the Wallasey Council of the Wallasey Council on Tuesday evening the Mayor (Ald. F.F. Scott) referred in sympathetic terms to the death of Lieut. Woodroffe, and a resolution of condolence with Alderman and Mrs. Woodroffe in the loss they have sustained was unanimously carried.

References and Acknowledgments

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