

Surname	Woodward
Forename	Richard
Initials	R
Age	27
Honours/Awards	
Date died	21/09/1917
Rank	Private
Regiment	Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)
Unit/Squadron	153rd Coy.
Service Number	90694
Cemetery/Memorial	Tyne Cot Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 154 to 159 and 163A.
Further Information	Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Woodward, of Widnes, Lancs; husband of Beatrice Woodward, of 4, Leopold St., Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire.



#### News Report

##### Died Doing His Duty

The sad intelligence has been received of the death of Private Richard (Dick) Woodward, of the Machine Gun Corps, who was killed in action on Sept. 20. He joined up last January and had been in France since July. He was 27 years of age, and formerly employed at Price's Patent Candle Co., Ltd., Bromborough. His wife resides at 4, Leopold Street, Seacombe.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. W. Beck Savage writes:-

"It is with the deepest regret that I have to inform you that your husband, Private Woodward, was killed in action on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> September. I quite realise that mere words at such a time sound rather empty, but possibly it will console you a little in your bereavement to know that your husband suffered absolutely no pain. May I take this opportunity of saying how much I myself regret the loss of such a man, he was a thoroughly efficient soldier, and was

esteemed and respected alike by the officers and men of this company. He died bravely doing his duty, and was buried by his own comrades, and a cross placed over his grave, the exact position of which you will be informed later. Please accept my most sincere sympathy in your loss.”

#### References and Acknowledgments

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