



LCE-CPL. D. CURRIE.
29, Halvard Avenue, Bury.

Lance-Corporal David Currie
Royal Scots
Service No 17864
Died 2/6 /- Aged 26 years

Official Information has been received by Mrs Currie of 29 Halvard Avenue, Bury, of the death in action on June 2nd of her second son Lance-Corporal David Currie of the Royal Scots. The deceased, who was of a strong and robust constitution, was 26 years of age, and up to the time of enlistment in September 1914 was employed in the Bury Cooperative Society's butchering department at their Hornby Street branch. He had undertaken training at Edinburgh Castle and in other parts of England and Scotland prior to being drafted to France in Jan 1916. Two younger brothers of the deceased are serving with the forces, Lance-Corporal John Currie of the Gordon Highlanders, who has for the past twelve months fought with his regiment in France, and Rifleman George Currie of the City of London (Post Office) Rifles, now in training at Ipswich. He is brother-in-law of Sergeant James Haworth who is in France with the Manchester Regiment. The deceased name appears on the roll of honour at Chesham Unitarian Sunday School. Mrs Currie received the following letter of sympathy from Lieut. G. L. Pagan under the date June 14th. He wrote, 'Dear Mrs Currie, I am very sorry to hear of the death of your son Lce. Corp Currie of the Royal Scots which occurred the week before last. I believe he was killed in the front line near Albert. The line was being heavily bombarded by the Germans, and a trench mortar shell burst in the bay where he was posted. A large piece of metal went right through his steel helmet and hit him on the head, killing him instantaneously. He was a non-commissioned officer in my platoon, but I was not with them at the time having been sent to the Infantry Base Dept. on instructional duty. I greatly regret his death. He was a quiet, steady and reliable soldier, with a good record and influence. I felt more interested in him because of your connection with Wamphrey, my father's native parish, and I used to think he had much of the guile and loyalty of the Dunfrieshire stock in him. He has fallen in the forefront of battle and has

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given his life for the cause that can only be defended and vindicated by sacrifice. I am sure he will always be remembered with affection and respect by his comrades and that his memory will nerve them to stronger effort and endurance. Permit me to offer you my kind and heartfelt sympathy in your sore bereavement. I believe, that you have another son in this camp who is well though I have not seen him. Chaplain James Black wrote: 'Dear Mrs Currie I regret very much being called upon to write you this letter. Lce. Corp. David Currie of the Royal Scots was very seriously wounded at the end of last week and in spite of all that could be done for him, died shortly after he was wounded. I do not know the particulars of how the accident took place but I gave him a Christian burial in the small British Cemetery behind the lines on Friday night in the presence of many sympathising comrades. These ordered a small cross to be erected in his memory. I would have written earlier but none of the friends at the graveside could give me your home address and I had to wait until the battalion came out of the trenches. My heart is very sore for you in your great sorrow. All his friends speak very highly of Mr Currie and my boys asked me to send their sympathy with my own.'