



Sergeant Herbert (Hubert?) Dawson
Manchester Regiment
Service Number -
Killed in action 26/11/17 aged 26years

Sergeant Hubert Dawson of the Manchester Regiment, is reported killed in action on the 23rd ult. A letter sent to him has been returned with the words 'killed in action' written on the envelope and an official intimation has also been received to that effect. Sergeant Dawson was the second son of Mr Adam Dawson of Larkhill, Walmersley Road, Bury. He was 26 years of age, and prior to enlisting was employed in the secretary's department at the head offices of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Co., Hunts Bank, Manchester. He attended Bank Street Unitarian Church, and his name appears on the roll of honour there. He was a popular member of Walmersley Golf Club. Two brothers of the deceased are in the army – Private Archie, of the Liverpool 'Pals,' who was wounded last May, and is now in a Liverpool hospital, and Corporal John Adam, of the Household Battalion, Royal Horse Guards, who was wounded on April 20th, the injury necessitating the removal of his right leg. All three sons were educated at Bury Grammar School and enlisted in September, 1914. Mr Adam Dawson has received a letter from Lieut-Colonel W. Elstob, of the Manchester Regiment, in the following terms:- 'Dear Mr Dawson, - might I be permitted to write and express to you my deepest sympathy in the loss of your most gallant son, who was killed in action on April 23rd. I have known him for over two years and I know what a gallant, capable, and loyal soldier he was. He has done excellent work in this battalion. This afternoon, in a quiet French village behind the firing line, with warm sun streaming through the moving lime-trees, we held a memorial service for him and other gallant dead, killed in the recent action. His friend Roger Smith went last autumn, and now your soldier son has given up his life. I always took a keen interest in your son, and I know full well what an excellent fellow we have lost. My very deepest sympathy – Yours very sincerely, W Elstob, Lieut-Colonel'.