



Private Robert Fitton
Lancashire Fusiliers
Killed in action 16/2/18 aged 32 years
Served France & Flanders

Miss Fitton of 63 Horne Street, Bury, has received information that her brother, Private Robert Fitton, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, was killed in action on the 16th February, the intimation being conveyed in the letters she had received, one from a member of his battalion and the other from a chaplain. Second- Lieut. H. R. Brand writing on the date February 21st says that Private Fitton was hit by a piece of shrapnel while on duty near by the writer, and that he died as he was being carried down to the dressing station. He says, 'As he was one of my old original battalion the I got him into my battalion. It will be difficult for you at, Your great sorrow and bereavement. He voiced the sorrow and sympathy of all who knew him in his old and new battalions. The Chaplain, Reginald French, wrote that he very much regretted to tell her that her brother, Private Robert Fitton, had been killed in action. It says that death was instantaneous and that he was spared all suffering. They were able to give him a Christian burial at a small British cemetery behind the lines and that a cross was being made to mark his grave. The Chaplain prays that God will comfort and support her in her hour of need. Private Fitton who was unmarried, and would have been ?years of age last Thursday week, joined up on February 28th last year prior to which he was in business as a hairdresser at 38 Duke Street Rochdale, having served his apprenticeship with Mr Griffiths, of Regent Street, Bury. He was connected with Bank Street Unitarian Church, Bury, his name being on the roll of honour there and where a memorial service will be held tomorrow evening.