



Private John Schofield
Lancashire Fusiliers (T)
Service No 2921
Killed in action 15/4/16 Aged 24 years
Served France & Flanders
Le Fermont Military Cemetery
Riviere 1B 9

PTE. JOHN SCHOFIELD,
20, Scholes Street, Elton.

Mr Walter Schofield, of 20 Scholes Street, Elton (late caretaker of the Textile Hall) has received information that his son, Pte. John Schofield of the Lancashire Fusiliers (T) was killed in action on April 15th. Pte. Schofield was 24 years of age, and prior to enlisting was employed as an assistant tape sizer by the Elton Cop Dyeing Co. He had been a member of Bury Central, Woolfold St James's Football Clubs. His name is on the rolls of honour at St Stephen's Church and Woolfold Mission. Under the date April 15th, Lieut. Norman Hall, writing to Mr and Mrs Schofield, says:- 'It is with great regret that I have to tell you that your son Pte. John Schofield, was killed this morning while on duty in the trenches. He was shot through the head and must have died instantaneously, without suffering. We officers, N.C.O.'s and men of his company deeply sympathise with you in your sad bereavement, which must come as a great shock to you. Your son was a thoroughly good soldier, always willing, and doing his duty cheerfully. He was very well thought of by all of us. Such a fellow will naturally be missed. His was a noble sacrifice in a great cause. His remains were interred in a military cemetery, the service being conducted by the Rev. J. W. Beresford, in the presence of several fellows from his platoon. It may comfort you a little to know we are thinking of you in your sorrows.' A letter dated April 15th, from Company-Sergeant-Major Howard states:- It is with the deepest regret that I write these few lines informing you of your son's death on the morning of the 15th (Saturday). He had been allotted his work in the first line trenches, and about 10.15 am I was informed that he had been killed, probably by a German sniper. On arriving at the spot we found that he had been killed instantaneously. He was hit through the head. We had him taken down to the aid part, and he was attended there. I may assure you

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that he will receive all attention that can possibly be done for him under the circumstances. I may also state that he was one of the best soldiers in the company and was respected by all who knew him. You have a consolation knowing that your son died while doing his duty and the company's sympathy goes out to you and your family in your sad bereavement.' Sgt. Stanley Dixon writes:- 'It is with the deepest regret that I inform you that your son John was killed by a bullet about nine this morning. He was killed instantaneously. We shall feel the loss of him very much in the company.

Mother's name Mary