



Lance-Corporal John Edward Mitchinson
Gordon Highlanders
Service Number S10083
Killed in action 29/7/18
Served France & Flanders
Vauxbuin French National Cemetery
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Mr and Mrs Mitchinson of 1 Duckworth Street, Bury, have received official intimation that their son Lance-Corporal John Edward Mitchinson of the Gordon Highlanders was killed in action on 29th July. Lance-Corporal Mitchinson was 31 years of age and joined the army in May 1915; he was wounded in the battle of Loos and was invalided home and went to France again after recovering from his wounds. In civilian life he was employed at Messrs Kay and Wilkinson's leather works. He was connected with Chesham Unitarian Church and day school and his name is on the roll of honour there. He had two brothers in the army – Sapper H Mitchinson, Royal Engineers, now in France, and Private Richard Mitchinson Lancashire Fusiliers, invalided home from France, at present with his battalion in Scarborough. Writing to Mrs Mitchinson, Lieut. J. A. W. Robertson says, 'Your son's death is a great loss to No 11 platoon, as he had always a word of encouragement for those who were less fit than himself for the hardships of soldiering, and his example to the rest was always effective. He was one of the most promising N.C.O.'s in the company, and one of the finest men I have ever had under me. His death was absolutely instantaneous, and he had no suffering whatever. I feel very helpless in trying to sympathise but it may soften the blow to feel that he has not died in vain.