



Richard Armstrong
Lancashire Fusiliers 17th Battalion
Known as Bantams (under 5'3 in height)
Service Number 204999
Killed in action 11/10/18
Lance Corporal served France & Flanders
Tyne Cot Memorial Panel 54/60 163A

Official tidings have been received by Mrs R Armstrong of 29 Regent Street, Bury of the death of her husband Lance-Corporal Richard Armstrong, of the 17th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers who has been killed in action. Second-Lieut Cook has also written to Mrs Armstrong in the following terms. On the night of the 12th - 13th October your husband was one of a party which was sent out on very important work in preparation for our attack. He showed on that occasion the same coolness and courage which he has always shown since I have known him. We came under heavy fire and he was unfortunately hit in the head and killed instantly. As we moved forward the following day it was possible to give proper care to his burial, and if we should return to that neighbourhood I will send you further particulars. Your husband has always impressed me since I have known him by his unfailing cheerfulness and pluck in the most trying circumstances. His example was most inspiring to those younger and less experienced than he was. I wish to join his chums in this expression of sympathy in the great loss you have sustained. Lance-Corporal Armstrong was 26 years of age and joined up on October 5th 1916. He served in France for 21 months. Before enlisting he worked at Messrs Peel's Freetown Mill. He was a member of Elton Concertina Band. And his name is on the roll of honour of St Paul's Church and Chesham Unitarian School.