



Gunner Sam Bridge
Royal Field Artillery
Killed in action 28/5/1918
Served France & Flanders

Mrs Bridge, of 13 Dudley Street, Elton, Bury, has received intimation that her husband, Gunner Sam Bridge of the Royal Field Artillery was killed on May 28th. In a letter she has received from a Major the writer regrets to have to inform her of her gallant husband's death. He was told Gunner Bridge was sitting by his gun when a stray shell burst close to him, and there was no doubt he was killed instantaneously. He would have a military funeral in a recognised military cemetery, and a photograph of the cross over his grave and the location would be sent to her. 'Although he had not been long with the battery (the Major wrote) your husband made his mark very soon after his arrival. All the men knew him as the most cheerful and hearty companion, and always counted on him to keep their spirits up when things were hard. He was never known to complain, and was always ready to do whatever came to hand; in fact he was a true soldier, and died as all true gunners would wish to do alongside his gun. It is by such spirit as was always shown by your husband that the British are proving themselves the best fighters in the war.' Mrs Bridge has received letters from the Captain and a gunner testifying to her husband being a general favourite and 'such a jolly and agreeable chap.' Gunner Bridge who was 25 years of age joined the army three years ago, and had been in France two and a half years and had twice been wounded. He was formerly employed at the Bury Sewage Works, and had been connected with Bank Street and St Stephen's Churches. He leaves one child.