

Lance Corporal Walter Henry Scott
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ROLL OF HONOUR.

CAPTAIN'S TRIBUTE TO FALLEN SOLDIER.

We regret to know that Lance-Corpl. W H Scott, second son of the late Mr Henry Scott and of Mrs Scott, of Park Cottage, Dawlish, was killed in action on May 28th. Capt H K Stevens, commanding a trench mortar battery, wrote to deceased's wife stating that it was his painful duty to convey the sad news, and expressing heartfelt sympathy. He pays a very fine tribute to the late gallant soldier, saying that the Battery mourns the loss of one of our best men; a man who was always cheerful and beloved by officers and men alike; a man in whom he (Capt Stevens) could place the utmost confidence. "His noble example, his clean life, and his courage are all in our minds, and makes one asks why the men to go first seem always to be the best. . . . It seems wicked to say that it is God's will. . . . If it is any consolation I can truthfully say that he died instantly. He was at his post during an enemy raid firing his gun, as was his duty, when a shell came over the emplacement killing him instantly."