

**William George Plucknett**

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**Carisbrooke**

Mr. and Mrs. J. Plucknett, of Carisbrooke, have received from a member of the company of their late youngest son, Pte. William George Plucknett, Sherwood Foresters, a letter giving particulars of their son's death on the Western Front on June 8. The writer stated: "I was one of the party who went on special work, digging a trench through a wood, a few hours after the big advance had taken place. We had got nicely to work, having been at it hard for two hours, when the enemy commenced to shell us, and it was during this period that your son was killed. I gather from some of his comrades who were in close vicinity to him that a shell dropped clean into that part of the trench he was at work, killing him instantly and wounding several others. I was on the spot soon afterwards, but found life extinct. His body was in no way disfigured, the explosion and shock from the shell seemingly being the cause of his death. We buried him in that same wood, not many yards from where he fell, and a wooden cross, with details of his death, marks the spot where he so nobly laid down his life. During the short period he was with us he had become well liked by all his comrades, and there were many expressions of regret when his tragic death became generally known throughout the company."

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