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Killed By Ariel Torpedo a Stacksteads Soldiers Death

Information has been received of the death in action of Pte. Ben Howorth 5886 son of Mr and Mrs Howorth of Back Spring Terrace Stacksteads, Deceased, who was 20 years of age, entered the Army in October 1915 becoming attached to the R.A.M.C, but he was transferred to the 2/23 Battalion London Regiment. He has been in the trenches about three weeks, and was killed instantly by a German aerial torpedo. Prior to enlistment Pte. Howorth was a slipper worked employed at Gaghills Works, and a scholar at Acre Mill Baptist Sunday school. The following is a copy of a letter which was received by his parents in reference to Pte. Howorth's death.



"Madam it is with the very deepest regret that I have to inform you of the death of your son, Pte. B. Howorth, which took place on the night of the 22nd inst. He was killed instantly by the explosion of a German aerial torpedo, and can have suffered no pain whatsoever. I cannot tell you how much I sympathise with you. He was a splendid fellow, and was doing well. I can only say that someday grief may be lessened by the thought of the brave man's death, he died fighting for his country. He had been buried in consecrated ground in a quiet village behind our lines. The grave has been marked and a cross erected. A note has been taken of the locality, of which you can be informed at a later date. Assuring you once again of my sympathy for you in your bereavement. I remain yours faithfully".
H Treatfield, 2/23 Batt. London Regt.