

Alfred E FOX

NOVEMBER, 1914.

We have great pleasure in putting in this month's Magazine a list of all those from the parish who are serving their King and Country in the Army and Navy : Stanley Easlea, A.B., H.M.S. "Vanguard"; Leslie Allcock, Stoker, H.M.S. "Sentinel"; Arthur Deacon, sergeant, 19th Royal Hussars; Sam Tungate, private, 1st Norfolk Regiment; E. Greenwood, private, R.A.S.C.; W. Purdy, gunner, R.F.A.; J. Harper, gunner, R.F.A.; C. Woods, private, R.A.M.C.; Tom Miller, Charlie Poppy, Bertie Etheridge, Edward Blackburn, Albert Grimes, Jack Goodwin, Herbert Buttifant, Bertie Sands, Jack Newstead, Jim Newstead, W. Westhorpe, (privates), 8th Norfolk Regiment, Stanley Easlea, Charlie Jolly, **A. E. Fox, (privates), 9th Norfolk Regiment**; Willie Easton (Cyclist Corps) private, 9th Norfolk Regiment. In addition, there are two old Neatishead boys in the Navy; Robert Fox (1st class stoker), and Sam Colk (A.B.).

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Not been able to positively identify this soldier, apart from the article above. He is listed on the original memorial, now in the meeting room at New Victory Hall, but not in St Peter's Church, Neatishead.

Born: -

Parents: -

Siblings: (had a brother – Percy who wrote a letter home to his mother with details of Alfreds death – this letter is in the Norfolk Regiment Museum)

Death: 3rd July 1916 (according to letter, see below)
1st July 1916 (Corporal Alfred E Fox from Trowse, who had a brother Percy)

Military & War service:

Private 9th Norfolk

Medals: -

France
Sunday 4th 7/16

My dear Mother & Family

I want you all to be as brave as possible, for it's sad news that I've got to inform you of this morning, Alfred being killed in our great battle on Sat. It will come a great blow to you all I know but we must look at it as bright as possible, for mother he fell with nearly all the rest of our N.C.Os together with our Captain, the best in the world.

I've got to buck up & bear it bravely, for ~~my case~~ *my case* is hard enough, but I had fellows around me that morning who have lost two & three brothers in the fight, & I must only thank God, to think that I am alive. He fell *thinking of you*. I went through it all in the thickest & came out without a scratch.

Mother I/we have the sympathy of the whole of D Company with us this morning, he was known & liked by the whole company.

I can't but help feel proud to think I am his brother & you his mother, for he played a good part & put wonderful confidence in his men, he died the death of a *fine* Englishman.

You must tell Florence that Percy was wounded in the arm nothing serious, he's a lucky chap. Charlie Blake wasn't in it. *Myson* is wounded in the shoulder.

Now Mother I can't write more this morning, do bear up & help me, for our case is only one of thousands, & you will hear how our Company has suffered when they all receive the official news.

Pleased to say we are now out of it & having a well earned rest, have written to Alfred's wife this morning. God be with us till we meet again.

Your ever loving son

Percy

Will write again further

Don't worry *yourselves*.

Transcript of letter sent home from Percy Fox, telling his mother and family of the death of his brother Alfred, who is listed on the Neatishead Roll of Honour in the New Victory Hall as Alfred E Fox Private 9th Norfolk. This letter is held at the Norfolk Regimental Museum.