

## Newspaper cutting transcriptions

Buxton Advertiser 23 June 1917

**EARL STERNDALE**

**PRIVATE H. HEATHCOTE KILLED.**

A telegram was received on Wednesday evening notifying the sad fact that Private Herbert Heathcote had been killed on June 7<sup>th</sup>. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Heathcote, of the "Quiet Woman" inn, and served in the New Zealand contingent. Several years ago he went to New Zealand, and joined up soon after war broke out. He saw much service in Egypt and in France. With the bereaved parents the most sincere sympathy is felt by not only the residents of Earl Sterndale, but throughout the whole countryside in which they are held in the highest esteem. Deceased was most popular wherever he went and his many friends at home deplore his loss.

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Further particulars relating to the death of Pte. Herbert Heathcote, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Heathcote. The "Quiet Woman" Inn, Earl Sterndale, who was killed in battle as reported in last week's "Buxton Advertiser," are contained in the following letter:-

France, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1917.

Dear Mr Heathcote, - It is with very deep regret that I write to you. Your son's death must be a blow to you, although he died as a soldier and in a fight that was a complete victory. You may be sure that you have my greatest sympathy.

He was a great favourite with all the men here, the life and soul of Battalion Headquarters. For myself, I miss him greatly. He was with me for more than two years, and no one was more faithfully served than I.

Some personal effects that he left are being sent off, and will, I hope, reach you safely.

If not, please let me know. I should add, in case you have not heard, he was killed instantly by a shell which burst in the shell-hole where he and several others were sheltering, during the advance on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

With every sympathy. - Believe me, yours sincerely,  
C.F.D.Cook

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Heathcote desire to express, through the "Buxton Advertiser," their grateful thanks for the many expressions of sympathy they have received in their irreparable loss.