

Private George Tinker 1972 Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derbys Regiment) died on 16/07/1915 and is buried in Sanctuary Wood Cemetery.

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In the Retford Times of 23rd July 1915 the death of Private Willie Tinker of the 8th Sherwood Foresters was announced. George, who was the grandson of Mrs Tinker of the Cricketers Arms and adopted son of Mr & Mrs Pashley, 63, Carolgate, Retford, was killed in action on 16th July 1915 having celebrated his 18th birthday on 4th June 1915 and was described as very popular amongst his chums. George had only been in France three weeks and in the trenches five days before, when a rifle grenade killed him. Mrs Tinker's first intimation of his death was through a letter sent by Private George Ostick (who was also to be a casualty of the war in 1917) and who was wounded in the same action. Private Tinker had been a scholar at the National School and on leaving was employed at Messrs W J Jenkins & Son.

In a letter to Mrs Tinker, Lieutenant Colonel Fowler, Commanding Officer (who became a victim during the battle of Loos 1915) says "I am sorry to have to write and tell you that your grandson 1972 Private Tinker was killed in the trenches Thursday last by a rifle grenade sent by the Germans. The trench he was in was very close to their lines and consequently they bombarded us with these explosive things very much. I do want you to understand how sorry I am for you in your great trouble. The only consolation is that he died a soldier's death for his King and Country's sake. He was buried in the wood behind the trenches and the grave will be marked"