

**Private Herbert Husband** 2002 Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derbys Regiment) died on 24/04/1915 aged 20 and is buried in the Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery.

He was the son of John and Eliza Husband, of 9, Spa Lane, Carolgate, Retford

The Retford Times of 07/05/1915 reported the death of 7 Retford Men



Pte Fred Husband, the brother of Herbert Husband, gives the following account in a letter to his parents:—"Just a few lines to let you know poor Herbert was killed last night (April 24<sup>th</sup>) while in action. We were side by side when he was struck in the chest by a trench mortar. I was with him to the last. He did not linger long. It is a wonder any of us are alive to tell the tale. I shall never forget it as long as I live. We had, as near as I can tell, 11 killed and a number wounded. It was murder. It was hell itself. I, myself, was very nearly buried alive, but, thank God, I was unhurt, but for the shock. I thought my last minutes had come. The scene was terrible. Most of the men had to wade up to the knees in mud and water to get to safety. I was one of those that had to do it to escape being killed. The lance corporal over Herbert's section was killed. There was only two out of ten left, most of them being Retford lads. Herbert died a true British soldier fighting for his King and country. I looked after him myself all I could. The officer is writing to you but I thought it best for me to write. Well dear mother and father, bear up and trust to God."