

# Private George BEAUMONT



George was the eldest son of Edward and Margaret Beaumont and was born at Martin in 1883. During the Great War he enlisted into the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment at Billingham and was drafted out to the Western Front. His younger brothers Harry served with the Lincolnshire Regiment and Robert with the Royal Engineers,



On 2 December 1916 George was killed instantly with two others when a shell exploded in their front line trench on the Somme. He was aged 33 and buried in Foncquevillers Military Cemetery. The two others killed were Pte George Chambers of Leverton near Boston and Pte Alfred Sheriff of Fulstow near Louth, who would appear to have been his army pals.

Dear Mrs Beaumont,

I am very sorry, indeed, to have to tell you that your son, 6500 Pte G Beaumont, was killed the day before yesterday (Dec 2nd) by a shell while in the trenches. He was walking along the trench with two other men when the shell fell right between them and they were all killed instantly. We buried them this morning in the cemetery behind the village here. I am afraid I did not know your son personally, as I have only been in the Company only a short time, but I hope you may get some comfort in the fact that he died doing his duty for his country, as many other good men have done.

Yours faithfully,  
A Goddard, Lieut.

