

Pte. Maurice William Holbrook



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ONE OF TWO CODNOR
BROTHERS KILLED
PTE MAURICE WILLIAM HOLBROOK
SHERWOOD FORESTERS

Official information has been received by his widowed mother of the death in action of Pte Maurice Holbrook, which occurred in France on April 27th.

He was 26 years of age, and the third son of the late Mr. J.C. Holbrook; monumentalise, of Codnor, and nephew of Mr. J.W. Rawlins, The Gardens Ripley.

In civil life he, in partnership with his eldest brother, Pte, Charles Holbrook, carried on the business established by their father, and both joined his Majesty's forces under the Derby scheme.

Pte Holbrook was a general favourite owing to his bright and cheerful disposition, and in his life as a soldier, he made light of all difficulties, and when writing home always refrained from complaints of any hardships.

Much sympathy has been expressed with his relatives in their great sorrow, and his officer said of him in a letter to his mother;

"I always found him very willing and keen. I was very fond of him, and his death came as a great shock to me. Please accept my deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement, always remembering that he did his duty and led a good and clean life".

Many thanks to Gill Hall for the above information.