

Private John Perron 59926 Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derbys Regiment) died on 22/10/17 aged 36 and is buried in Artillery Wood Cemetery, nr Boezinge, Belgium

He was the husband of Edith Perron of 16 Beardsall Row, Retford Notts.



Pte John Perron's grave in Artillery Wood Cemetery

The worst summer weather in Flanders for decades turned much of the Ypres area to deep mud by October 1917. On the day John was killed the Foresters also had 1 officer killed, another wounded, 15 other ranks killed, 160 wounded and 20 missing.

The War Diary had very heavy artillery fire on ground immediately behind front line with gas shells also employed at various times.

John Perron lived at Andrew Avenue in Ilkeston and it was there that his wife first heard the news of his death. He was from a well known Retford family and his sister Mrs Robinson lived on Savile Street. John attended the Wesleyan School. He enlisted at Ilkeston and was 36 years of age when he died. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission have Mrs Perron living at 16 Beardsall Row. It is likely she moved to Retford after her husband's death.