

25th October 1914

My dear Mr. Rose -

I am most awfully sorry that I have to convey to you the terribly sad news that your husband fell when most gallantly leading his men last Thursday morning the 22nd Oct.

I know what an irreparable loss, and terrible blow this news will be to you, and you have my most sincere sympathy and also that of every officer

and man in the Regiment. In your husband we have all lost one of the best of comrades, and one of the best of officers. He was always so very reliable, conscientious, and sound in all the duties entrusted to him, that I shall feel his loss very much indeed -

The circumstances under which he fell were as follows - He with half his company was out in front of the Regiment as a

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"covering party" to the Regiment which was digging trenches. They came on the enemy and most gallantly engaged and held him off for some hours, then when just in the act of retiring your husband was shot twice and mortally wounded, and I think that his death must have been practically instantaneous. I am told that previous to this he had already been slightly wounded, but in spite of

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it he most gallantly continued to command and lead his men, and for his splendid behaviour I have sent his name in to the Genl Officer Commanding the Brigade -

I also enclose a message that I received from him shortly before he was hit, & which you may like to keep as I think it was the last thing that he wrote

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I am writing this in the trenches, and so I hope you will excuse the hurried scrawl -
Again assuring you how very grieved we are at both your and our loss & with my most sincere sympathy

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Yrs sincerely
Philip Robertson

