15th. Sept. 1917.

No. 4. R.M.A.

Dear Mrs. Notley,

I have to break the sad news of your husband's death, he was killed this morning by a shell, he suffered no pain as he was killed outright. It is a great blow to me as O.C. a loss as a soldier and a friend that will be very very hard indeed to replace. He was a splendid N.C.O. always keen and bright, he was to have been made a Sergeant this week. "Ben Notley" will long be remembered by us all who mourn his loss very much indeed. He was buried in a famous cemetery where many gallant fellows have given their lives for their country.

Yours very sincerely,

T. Cuming. Capt. R.M.A.

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"Jack was made Sergeant the day before his death."