


Surname	Ball
Forename(s)	Eric Austin
Initials	E A
Age	24
Honours/Awards	
Date died	27/12/1917
Rank	Lance Corporal
Regiment	Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Unit/Squadron	24th (Denbighshire Yeomanry) Bn.
Service Number	245158
Cemetery/Memorial	Jerusalem War Cemetery
Grave Reference	E.33
Further Information	Son of the late Alderman Joseph Ball of Liverpool. Resided at 8 Ennerdale Road, New Brighton, Wallasey.
	 A black and white portrait of a young man in a military uniform, wearing a cap with a crest. The image is a halftone print. At the bottom of the image, the text 'www.historyofwallasey.co.uk' is visible.

#### News Report

##### "A True Son of England"

It is officially reported that Lance-Corpl. Eric Ball, R.W.F., was killed in action on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1917. Eric Ball was a younger son of the late Alderman Jos. Ball, of Liverpool. He joined soon after war was declared the Denbighshire Yeomanry, and was, before the war, engaged in farming at Sealand, near Chester. He was 25 years of age, and his home was at 8 Ennerdale Road, New Brighton. The letter from the Commanding Officer said:- "It is with the utmost regret that I am writing to tell you of the death of your poor brother, Eric, who was killed during an attack on a hill held by the Turks on December 27<sup>th</sup>. I found him myself during the afternoon, his face was beautifully peaceful, and I feel sure he did not suffer. His loss is a great one to all. I have known him since he joined the Yeomanry, and he has always been cheerful and willing however trying the times, and especially during the last few weeks, which have been the hardest of all, he has been splendid. I hope that it will be a consolation to you to know that your brother died a glorious and painless death, fighting for a noble cause and the honour of old England, of which he was a true son. He was buried on the hill which he helped to capture not very many miles from the Holy City, and I feel confident

that he is resting happy now in God's keeping. The deep sympathy of the company and myself is yours."

References and Acknowledgments

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