

Surname	Barber
Forename(s)	John Christian
Initials	J C
Age	23
Honours/Awards	
Date died	16/06/1915
Rank	Second Lieutenant
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	10 th Bn.
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 4 and 6
Further Information	Son of Robert and Alice M. Barber, of The Red House, Warren Drive, New Brighton, Wallasey.



Chronicle News

"Gallantly Leading His Men"

Intimation has been received that Second-Lieutenant J.C. Barber, the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Barber, the Red House, Warren Drive, New Brighton, has been killed in action at Hooze. The news will come as a sad blow to his many friends in the district, and great sympathy is felt for his bereaved parents.

The late Lieutenant Barber was twenty-two years of age, and was in the 10th Liverpool Scottish Regiment, which he joined as a private of the outbreak of war. He went abroad with the first detachment on November 1st, and was gazetted second-lieutenant on March 16th. He had considerable experience of the war, and he only missed one trip to the trenches. He was educated at the Leas, Hoylake, and at Uppingham. He was a keen football player, and had been a member of the Birkenhead Park Rugby Football Club for three seasons, having played at half back. He was also secretary of the Marigold Lawn Tennis Club.

In a letter written by Lieutenant Wall (also of the Liverpool Scottish) to Lieutenant Barber's home, the way in which he nobly met his death is described. The following is an extract from the letter:-

"I know you would like to hear that he died gallantly leading his men in the charge. On the morning of the 16th we were ordered to attack Belwarde Farm, north-east of Ypres, and we successfully carried the second line of German trenches, as well as part of the third. It was during this advance that your son was killed at the head of his men. We obtained our objective, but at very heavy cost. I have known Jack ever since my preparatory school days, and he was one of my closest friends in the regiment".

A memorial service will be held at 2 o'clock on Thursday, at St. James's Church, New Brighton, of which church the deceased was a member.

References and Acknowledgments

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