

Surname	Barber
Forename(s)	Leo John
Initials	L J
Age	21
Honours/Awards	
Date died	26/04/1917
Rank	Private
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	18 th Bn.
Service Number	17166
Cemetery/Memorial	Arras Memorial
Grave Reference	Bay 3
Further Information	Son of James and Elizabeth Barber, of "Padua", Dalmorton Rd., New Brighton, Cheshire.



News Report

New Brighton Patriotic Family

The sad intelligence has been received of the death of Pte. Leo John Barber, of the King's Liverpool Regt., who was killed in action on April 27. The brave soldier, who was in his 22nd year, joined the colours in August, 1914, and had been in France since November, 1915. He was educated at St. Francis Xavier's College, Liverpool, and was formerly employed with Messrs. J.W. Taylor and Co., cotton brokers, Liverpool. He was a keen footballer, and had played for the New Brighton Cadets and the Dalmorton Rovers. He was the third son of Mr and Mrs James Barber, "Padua," 18, Dalmorton Road, New Brighton, for whom much sympathy has been expressed in the loss of such a promising "boy".

Lieut. W. Edmondson writes:-

"Dear Mr Barber:- I am very sorry to have to write and tell you that your son was killed in action on the 27th April, just after dawn. He was standing in the trench with two other men and a shell came right in and killed all three

instantaneously. His loss will be greatly felt by all the company, as he was a splendid soldier and very popular with all his fellows. His grave is close to where he was killed. I had a cross put up with his name and number and regiment. I feel I cannot express my sympathies in writing, but I know you will appreciate how deeply I feel for you in your irreparable loss. Please also convey my sympathies to all your family.

Messrs. J.W. Taylor and Co. writes:-

“Dear Mr and Mrs Barber – It was with the profoundest sorrow and regret that we received your letter announcing Leo’s death. We cannot express to you how sorry we are for you in your bereavement. We all of us held him in the highest esteem, and were looking forward to his return when this dreadful war is over. We shall miss him very much indeed. Leo was a fine boy and has given his life for the greatest cause.. He, like others, has died a hero.”

Three others are in the army :-

Corpl. James Hilary (South Lancashire Regt.), Pte. Cyril Barber (King’s Liverpool Regt.), Trooper Reginald (Reg) J. Barber (Montgomeryshire Yeomanry).

References and Acknowledgments

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