

Surname	Bevan
Forename(s)	Harold Thomas
Initials	H T
Age	22
Honours/Awards	
Date died	06/12/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	13 th Bn
Service Number	W/849
Cemetery/Memorial	Hyde Park Corner (Royal Berks) Cemetery
Grave Reference	B.16
Further Information	Son of George and Isabella Bevan, of 8, Luke St., Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire.

Chronicle News

Shot In The Stomach

Seacombe Footballer's Sad End

It is announced that Private Harold Bevan, of, 8, Luke Street, Seacombe, was killed in action on December 6th. He was only twenty-two years of age and resided with his parents. He was very well known in Seacombe, as he attended St. Paul's schools, worked as Messrs. Paul Bros. Mills, Seacombe, and played football for the Seacombe United Methodist Club under Invinsa League auspices. On the outbreak of war he joined the Cheshire Regiment and proceeded to the front, having been out there fifteen months when the tragic event occurred. It appears that he was mending barbed wire entanglements and turned back to help a wounded man and received a bullet in his stomach. Mr. Taylor, of Geneva Road, a stretcher-bearer, who is at present home on leave said that he helped Bevan away, although he only lived an hour after being shot without regaining consciousness. The particularly tragic point is that Private Bevan's leave should have begun the day after he was killed, and his relatives were hoping to have him at home for Yuletide after being parted from them for so long. The deceased soldier had had many narrow escapes while in the trenches, and once his dug-out was blown in, and he escaped with a sprained ankle, while several times his immediate neighbour has been killed.

"A Fine Soldier"

Private E.C. Lloyd, a chum of Bevan's wrote as under:-

It is with great sorrow that I write this letter to you. Perhaps by the time you receive this you will have the sad news of your brave son's death. It is a very great blow for you and his father, for I am sure that he was a good a son as any parents could wish for. He was a fine soldier and was thought a great deal of by his company commander, and his loss will be felt by all in the company that knew him. It occurred on the morning of the 6th inst., and I did not know myself until about two hours after it occurred. I also attended his

funeral to-day. I also attended his funeral to-day, and I felt the great blow myself with the sad parting because we had been chums together ever since we enlisted. I hope to be coming home on leave so will give you a call because I have a photograph and few more things which I shall bring with me. I will offer you my best sympathy."

We feel sure everyone who knew Harold Bevan will unite in sympathising with his parents who have sustained a severe blow by his loss at such an early age.

References and Acknowledgments

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