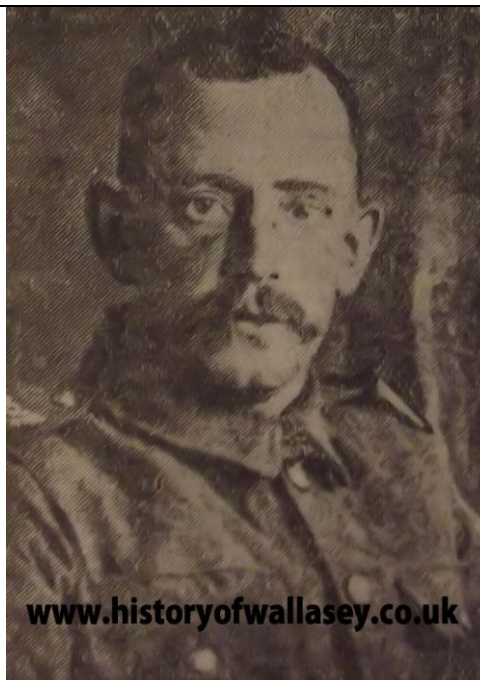


Surname	Bower
Forename	Samuel
Initials	S
Age	41
Honours/Awards	
Date died	22/08/1918
Rank	Private
Regiment	King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Unit/Squadron	10 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
Service Number	33749
Cemetery/Memorial	Merville Communal Cemetery Extension
Grave Reference	I.E.61
Further Information	Resided at 2, Plantation View, Seymour Street, New Brighton. Leaves a widow and 2 children.



#### News Report

##### Hit By Machine Bullets

Mrs. Bower, of 2 Plantation View, Seymour Street, New Brighton, has received the sad intelligence that her husband, Pte. Samuel Bower, King's Shropshire Light Infantry, was killed in action on August 23 by machine gun bullets. He enlisted in May, 1917, and after serving in Egypt until March last, was drafted to France. Pte. Bower attended Liscard Congregational Church, and was also a member of Rake Lane Brotherhood. He was 41 years of age, and leaves a widow and two children to mourn his loss.

Lieut. Philip E. Back writes :- "Dear Mrs. Bower – Am very sorry indeed to have to tell you of your husband's death. During the attack on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August he was hit by machine gun bullets and was killed. I didn't actually see the occurrence, but three of his comrades have told me the circumstances. We were, unfortunately unable to recover our dead, as the operation on which we were engaged was not altogether successful, but in course of time when the

line goes forward, when they are recovered, you will be notified of his place of burial. Your husband behaved with the greatest courage throughout the action, and his death is a great loss to the platoon and company. Sympathy I know seems futile at times like these, but will you please accept the sympathy of the company officers in particular, and that of myself.

#### References and Acknowledgments

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