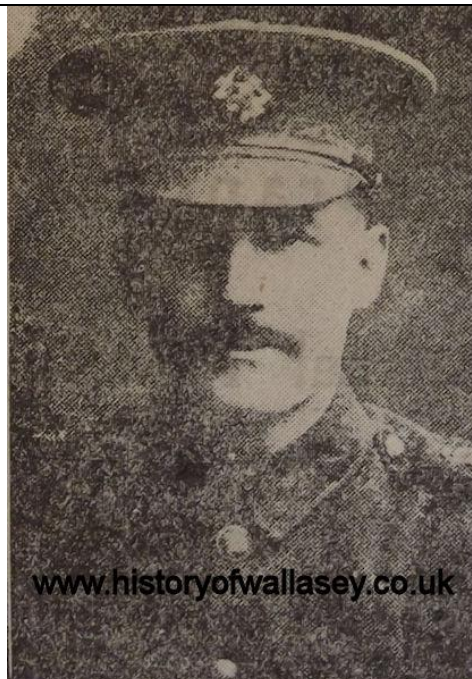


Surname	Brightmore
Forename	Henry
Initials	H
Age	30
Honours/Awards	Military Medal
Date died	04/07/1917
Rank	Sergeant
Regiment	Scots Guards
Unit/Squadron	2 nd Bn.
Service Number	11651
Cemetery/Memorial	Canada Farm Cemetery
Grave Reference	I.A.5.
Further Information	Only son of Mrs. Eliza Brightmore and the late Mr. W. Brightmore, of Eden Avenue. Wallasey. Resided at Seymour Street, New Brighton, and leaves a wife and three children.



News Report

New Brighton Military Medallist Killed

The sad intelligence has been received of the death of Sergt. Henry Brightmore, of the Scots Guards, who was killed in action on July 4. He joined the colours October, 1914, and had been about two years in France. The brave sergeant was awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery on the field. HE was a N.C.O. in the Yeomanry, and went through the South African War. Thirty-six years of age, he was the only son of Mrs. Eliza Brightmore, Eden Avenue, and his wife, at Seymour Street West, New Brighton.

Lieut.-Col. Norman A. Ewing writes:-

“Dear Mrs. Brightmore, - I am writing to tell you how much I sympathise with you over your husband’s death. I am afraid nothing I can say can be of much

avail, but I should like you to know what are the opinions all ranks of his battalion had for him. Your husband was one of the many who have fallen in this war, who can ill be spared. He was one of my staunchest N.C.O.'s, and I shall miss him very much. His company officer, Capt. Boyd, I know is writing to you, but if there is anything I can do to help, please write."

Capt. W.A. Boyd writes:-

"Dear Mrs. Brightmore – I'm afraid I have the most terrible news for you, your husband was killed by a shell. I can't tell you how sorry I am. He had been out here in the same company nearly two years, and I could never have wished for a better platoon sergeant, or nicer man. The whole company feels it so, he was so popular with men and officers, alike. As you know he was acting-company-sergeant-major to me for some time, and would have been made permanently if my old C.S.M. had not come back. He was one of the bravest men I've ever met, and deserved much more several times than the Military Medal, which he got. He was on a carrying fatigue party, they were very badly shelled, and the officer, two sergeants, and ten men were killed. I am afraid words are no good. I can't tell you how sorry I am, and what a loss he is to the Scots Guard's."

Sergt. F. Williams, in a sympathetic letter, says that poor Harry was with him when he was killed, and he felt no pain. I have lost a good and faithful pal, while I know you have lost a good, loving, and faithful husband. His only thought was always for his wife and children. You have the deepest sympathy of all us lads who knew him so well.

References and Acknowledgments

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