

Surname	Brotherston
Forename(s)	Walter John
Initials	W J
Age	20
Honours/Awards	
Date died	17/07/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	
Service Number	16890
Cemetery/Memorial	Guildford (Stoke) Old Cemetery
Grave Reference	G.377.
Further Information	Eldest son of Thomas James and Amy Brotherston, of Liscard, Cheshire.



Chronicle News

A Terrible Ordeal

All local football enthusiasts will deeply regret to hear of the death of Private Walter John Brotherston (20), of 8, Imperial Avenue, Liscard, who passed peacefully away in the presence of his mother at the Royal County Surrey Hospital Guildford, on Monday evening. It will doubtless be recollected that the popular Lyndhurst footballer received a machine gun wound in the left thigh on July 1st. At the time the spot where he fell was so swept by the enemy fire that he lay in sore straits for thirty-six hours before he could be rescued and removed to a base hospital. The doctors then said that but for his splendid constitution he would not have survived that terrible ordeal. He was afterwards removed to England, and at the hospital it was found necessary to amputate the left leg from the top of the thigh. The unfortunate young fellow showed little improvement in his condition, however and the end came as above stated. His father and mother were with him at the end, and they also attended the funeral, which took place at Guildford on Thursday with full

military honours.

Deceased, who enlisted when the Liverpool "Pals" Battalions were initially formed, in August, 1914, was formerly in the employ of Messrs. Thompson Strachan & Co., tinsplate merchants, Chapel Street, Liverpool. A member of St. Mary's Church, Liscard, he was much esteemed by a large circle of friends.

References and Acknowledgments

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