


Surname	Carroll
Forename	
Initials	J
Age	
Honours/Awards	
Date died	26/06/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	19 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
Service Number	21465
Cemetery/Memorial	Cerisy-Gailly Military Cemetery
Grave Reference	II.K.30.
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Chronicle News

"One Of The Best"

Well-Known Local Footballer Killed

"As a soldier he was 'one of the best,' and you will feel proud that he died at his post doing his duty," is the splendid tribute which one soldier pays to his fallen chum. The soldier who has laid down his life is Private Jack Carroll, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, of 57, Wright Street, Egremont, who will be remembered by many as a former stalwart of Harrowby A.F.C.

Private Carroll was an old boy of St. Joseph's School, Seacombe, and a member of the St. Joseph's Club. He was employed on the office staff of Messrs. McEvoy and Pinnington, wholesale provision merchants, with whom he had been since leaving school. He will be chiefly known in this district for his brilliant feats in amateur football circles, as he played for Harrowby at one time, and later for the New Brighton Tower Amateurs, and it will be remembered that he did the "hat trick" in his first match with the latter team against Cammell Laird's. Latterly he

had been playing for Brompton in the Central Park.

In the early stages of the war he joined the Liverpool "Pals," and proceeded to the front with them some eight months ago. The first intimation of his death was received on Monday in a letter from his younger brother, Henry E. Carroll, who is in another battalion of the "Pals," who said that he had been killed by a shell while in the trenches on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Carroll has received a letter of condolence from his son's firm, and also several others from his chums.

#### Comrades' Tribute

The following letter was sent on behalf of the platoon by J. Harrod, a local man who was in the trench at the time Carroll was killed

"It is with deepest feelings of regret that I write to you on behalf of Jack's most intimate friends in his platoon, conveying their sympathy in your sad bereavement. His loss will be keenly felt amongst us, as Jack was well liked by all whom he came in contact with, while as a soldier he was 'one of the best,' and you will feel proud that he died at his post doing his duty.

"No doubt you will have some consolation in knowing that his end came suddenly and he suffered no pain whatever; also that he received Holy Communion previous to starting off for the trenches on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. The Bishop of Nancy officiated at his funeral in the little cemetery just behind the firing line, and only a short distance from his cousin Leo."

The cousin referred to is [Leo Carty](#), of Falkland Road, who was in the Cheshire Regiment, and was killed in October, 1915.

#### References and Acknowledgments

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