

Surname	Corfe
Forename(s)	Allan William
Initials	A W
Age	25
Honours/Awards	
Date died	26/11/1916
Rank	Company Sergeant Major
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	6 th Bn.
Service Number	1489
Cemetery/Memorial	Ste. Marie Cemetery, Le Havre
Grave Reference	Div. 3. G. 5.
Further Information	Son of William and Anne Jane Corfe, of 16 Clwyd St. Upper Brighton. Educated at Manor Road School, Liscard.



News Report

New Brighton Co.Sergt. Major's Death

Company Sergeant Major Allan Corfe, of the Cheshire Regiment, aged 25, who was wounded by gun shot on November 13th has since died from the wound and internal haemorrhage. He was educated at Manor Road Schools, Liscard, and lived at 15, Clwyd Street, New Brighton.

The current number of the Liscard Congregational Church pays the following tribute to the brave soldier :-

“A soldier who acted as his servant, and who went ‘over the top’ with him, writing notifying he had been wounded, some days before his death, says : - ‘It was early morning and dark when the attack was made, so I missed the Sergt.Major in No Man’s Land, but heard later he had been badly wounded, captured, and badly treated by the Germans. Subsequently he was rescued, but

it was too late, as the enemy had done their 'dirty work'. As he was being carried to the dressing station, the only thing he worried about was 'they were too many for me.' It was just the thing he wanted, to go over and get at grips with them. He was always so cool and never seemed to care for danger. Hoping before long to have the Sergt.Major back again with us, as he was one of the best."

"Allan Corfe entered the Cheshire Territorial Regiment as private before the war, but his abilities and application marked him out for early promotion, and he successively passed through every stage in the non-commissioned ranks until lately he was made Co.Sergt-Major. He was by trade an engineer, serving part of his time with Messrs. Grayson, and finishing it with Messrs. Cammell, Laird and Co. He became particularly skilled not only in the practical, but the theoretical part, and for the last few years before the war was exclusively engaged in the drawing room. He discovered an opening for advancement on Diesel, Meerless, Bickerton and Day Engine Manufacturing Co. at Stockport, where his skill as a draughtsman found enlarged scope, and he very early established himself in the high esteem and complete confidence of his employers, who maintained a personal correspondence with him all the time he was absent with the colours."

References and Acknowledgments

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