

Surname	Davies
Forename(s)	Norman Burton
Initials	N B
Age	22
Honours/Awards	
Date died	05/09/1918
Rank	Sergeant
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	1st/4th Bn.
Service Number	200222
Cemetery/Memorial	Esquelbecq Military Cemetery
Grave Reference	II. G. 13.
Further Information	Son of Lois Davies, of 36, St. Paul's Rd., Wallasey, Cheshire, and the late John William Davies.



#### Chronicle News

##### German Sniper's Victim

News has come to hand that Sergt. Norman Burton Davies, of the Cheshires, only son of the late Mr John Davies and of Mrs Davies, 36, St. Paul's Road, Seacombe, has been killed. At the outbreak of war he was already in the "Greys," and before meeting his death in France on September 5<sup>th</sup> had had a strenuous time in Egypt and Palestine, and he also went through the Gallipoli campaign. He was wounded at the Battle of Gaza, and was among the first to enter Jerusalem

He was a clerk in the Pioneer Life Assurance Co. Ltd., Liverpool, and was highly esteemed, his death bringing an end to what was a promising career. It is a singular fact to note that he was born on the *fifth* of August, 1896, received his fatal wounds on the *fifth* of September, and had been *five* years in the Army. He was shot by a sniper, and a chaplain writing of the sad occurrence stated, "His case was hopeless from the start, but we were able to ease his pain and

make him comfortable. He will be buried in the military cemetery at Esquelbeeq.” B-Sergt.-Major W. Wright in a letter declared that the young soldier was held in very high esteem.

The late Sergt. Davies had been a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Wallasey Boy Scouts. He was a choir boy in St. Paul’s Church, Seacombe, a member of the football club, and attended the Bible Class held in connection with the church. He was twenty-two years at the time of his death.

#### References and Acknowledgments

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