

Surname	Dean
Forename	Edward
Initials	E
Age	21
Honours/Awards	
Date died	21/05/1915
Rank	Private
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	1 st /9 th Bn.
Service Number	2378
Cemetery/Memorial	Cambrin Churchyard Extension
Grave Reference	D 31
Further Information	Resided at 14 Russell Road, Wallasey.



Chronicle News

Died Like A British Soldier

Wallasey Village has sustained still further bereavement by the death of Private Edward Dean, of the 9th King's (Liverpool) Regiment, who was killed in action in France on May 21st. The deceased, who had just passed his majority, was well known in the ancient village, and many will greatly regret to hear of his sad fate. When the country's call to arms was sounded on the outbreak of war in August last he was amongst the first to respond, and he crossed to France in March, taking part in several heavy engagements before that in which he lost his life.

Company-Sergeant-Major P.P. Byrne to whose company the deceased youth was attached, has written to his home, 14, Russell Road, Wallasey, returning a letter forwarded to him which he was destined never to receive. The kindly expressed and touchingly-sympathetic communication reads as follows:-

"In returning you this letter, it is with great regret that I must inform you of the death of Private E. Dean. In mitigation of the sense of loss and bereavement which you will feel, which is shared by all of us, I wish to say that he was killed in

action while doing his duty, and died like a British soldier and English gentleman. His end was absolutely painless, and all was over in a few moments.

“We have buried him in a pretty little French church yard side by side with many other French and English heroes. His greatest chums were present, and the burial service was conducted with full military honours.

“Having had Private E. Dean under my charge now for such a length of time, I am in a position to say that he was always prepared to meet his Maker. A cleaner living or more respectful soldier never came under my charge. His loss is keenly felt by all ranks, to whom he had endeared himself by his good nature and cheerfulness.

“Now, with regard to the parcel in which we found the enclosed letter, I am sorry to say it was badly damaged in transit, and rather than return it and knowing Private Dean’s generous nature, we came to the conclusion that to hand it over to his best chums was the wisest thing to do. We have accordingly done so, hoping you will see eye to eye with us that the only thing possible was to do so.

“Once again sympathising with you in your great bereavement, and hoping time the healer will soon soften the blow.

“P.S. – We have erected a wooden cross with his full particulars. May 21st was the date.”

References and Acknowledgments

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