

Surname	Dennis
Forename	Jack
Initials	J
Age	
Honours/Awards	
Date died	07/07/1916
Rank	Corporal
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	13 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
Service Number	W/696
Cemetery/Memorial	Ovillers Military Cemetery
Grave Reference	XI. B. 10.
Further Information	Son of Mr and Mrs J.W Dennis, Eaton Cottage, Eaton Road, Liscard



#### Chronicle News

##### Died Doing His Duty

Much sympathy is expressed for Mr and Mrs T.W. Dennis, of Eaton Cottage, Eaton Street, Liscard, in the death of their son, Cpl. J. Dennis (Wallasey Pals), who was killed in action on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Deceased, who was nineteen years old, attended Manor Road School as a lad, and was also a member of the St. Columba's Church choir. In the employ of the Southern Pacific Co., 21 Water Street, Liverpool, he enlisted at the outbreak of war, and within a week had obtained a stripe. A short time afterwards the young fellow passed through a stiff gymnastic course and qualified for the position of instructor. He was promoted to the rank of corporal in October, 1915.

Prominent in local sporting circles, Corporal Dennis was verily and truly a "Jack o' both sides," as in addition to his prowess with the willow, he was also a regular player in the Egremont St. John's football team in the Invinsa League. During the course of a promising athletic career he had annexed several

medals.

The sad tidings were conveyed to Mrs Dennis in a letter from Lance-Corporal Noel Don, another Wallaseyan, who is a member of the Glandale Football Club. The missive runs as follows:-

“It is with deep regret that I write these lines telling you of dear Jack’s death. It came as a great blow to me to learn the very sad news, and you and the family will accept my deepest sympathy. It happened on the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup>, when we were ordered to take the trenches opposite. Needless to say the job was done, and done well. I may add the regiment did very well indeed, and every man of them were very eager to get at the Bosches, and when let loose they very soon made short work of them. But it’s a sad business. Still, you will have the consolation of knowing that he died as only he would have wished to – doing his duty. Jack was a proper treat – always merry! I have lost a good friend. I may be able to tell you, someday, in a more detailed way, of his noble end. Till then I shall have to be quiet and patient.”

Mr and Mrs Dennis have received touching letters of condolence from their son’s employer, and Mr G.S. Diff, chairman of the Egremont St. John’s Football Club. “As a player,” wrote the latter, “we admired him, but as a friend we loved him. To us his loss is great, o you it is irreparable, but while we sorrow we cannot but feel proud of the manner in which he died, bravely and willingly giving his life for us.”

#### References and Acknowledgments

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