

Surname	Dicker
Forename	Edward
Initials	E
Age	22
Honours/Awards	
Date died	07/06/1917
Rank	Lance Corporal
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	13 th Bn.
Service Number	W/360
Cemetery/Memorial	Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 19 – 22
Further Information	Resided at 17 Rowson Street, New Brighton. Previously in the employment of John Bellis, Withens Lane, Liscard.



News Report

New Brighton Lance-Corporal Killed

Official intimation has been received that Lance-Corporal Edward Dicker, of the Cheshire Regt., (Trench Mortar Battery) was killed in action about June 7. The bullet that seriously wounded his captain killed him instantaneously. He enlisted at the outbreak of the war and had been two years in France. Twenty-two years of age, he was educated at Rock School, and was in the employment of Mr. John Bellis, Withen's Lane, Liscard, with whom, he served his apprenticeship. He attended St. James' Church, New Brighton, and was a member of the Rake Lane Brotherhood. He leaves a young widow, who resides at 17, Rowson Street, New Brighton.

In a letter to Mrs. Dicker, Capt. G.H. Stead, writes:-

"A sniper got me clean through the chest and your husband and Lieut. Hill dragged me into a shell hole and bandaged me up. I was most awfully but up when your husband was killed, for nobody could have had a better orderly and

more faithful comrade than he was to me. He was a very brave man, and was equally good in command of a gun and team as at his own job. He said to me, half-way through the attack, 'wherever you go, I'm going too,' and he did. Fortunately he was killed instantaneously and suffered no pain. With deepest sympathy in your great loss, for I am sure he was a good husband as he was a soldier."

Lieut. Edward Marquis writes:-

"Dear Mrs. Dicker, - It is with much sorrow that I inform you of the death of your husband, Lance-Corporal Dicker, who was killed in action on the 7th inst. while gallantly advancing with Capt. Stead and Lieut. Hill, after having just captured two machine guns. Lieut. Hill was killed, and Capt. Stead wounded at the same time. Your husband did much useful work for the Battery, and we will all miss him very much. He was buried next to Lieut. Hill, near the town which has given the name to one of our most glorious victories. I attended the funeral service with a squad from the Cheshire section of the battery. He could not have died a more glorious death. With much sympathy."

Lance-Corporal W. Little writes:-

"Dear Mrs Dicker – I am indeed sorry to have to write you these few lines about Ted. I was with him when he was killed. We were well forward, and made a charge on one of the enemy's strongest positions, when Ted was hit with the same bullet that wounded his officer. Death was almost instantaneously, and he suffered no pain. It will be some consolation to you to know that he died doing his duty like a soldier and a man."

Corporal W.J. Joynson says:- "I buried Ted, and placed a cross over his grave. He had a full funeral ceremony under very heavy shell fire."

References and Acknowledgments

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