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| Surname | Dickin |
| Forename | Evan |
| Initials | E |
| Age | 26 |
| Honours/Awards | |
| Date died | 20/04/1919 |
| Rank | Private |
| Regiment | Northumberland Fusiliers |
| Unit/Squadron | 10 th Bn. |
| Service Number | 59780 |
| Cemetery/Memorial | Ravenna War Cemetery |
| Grave Reference | 5. AA. 29. |
| Further Information | Husband of Maria Dickin, of 8, Waverley St., Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire. |



News Report

Killed On Railway In Italy

Private Evan Dickin

We regret to record the death of Pte. Evan Dickin, which occurred on April 17th, while travelling as guard on a railway in Italy. The deceased, who was in his 26th year, joined up on May 25, 1917, in the Cheshire Regt., and on being drafted to Italy on October 20th of the year, he was transferred to the 10th Northumberland Fusiliers. Previous to enlistment he was employed at Messrs. Cammell Lairds, Birkenhead, and his wife, who is left with a little girl two years of age, resides at 8, Waverley Street, Seacombe. His mother, Mrs. Dickin, lives in Birkenhead.

Lieut. And Adj. E.H. Jones has thus written to the widow:-

“Dear Madam – With reference to the telegram which you doubtless received from the War Office, announcing the deceased of your husband, No. 59780, Pte. E. Dickin, who, on the 17th of April, was proceeding from Arquata to join his unit. I am directed by the Commanding Officer to furnish you with the

following, particulars, extracts from the proceedings of the court of inquest held to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which your husband lost his life. Pte. Dickin was one of the train guards travelling in a van next to the engine, and was sitting on the edge of the truck with his feet swinging outwards. Having been warned as next for sentry duty he was probably preparing to get out when the train slackened speed at a curve as if about to stop, when about a mile from Fanol it then re-started again with a jerk, this caused him to lose the hold he had on an iron bar across the open door, and he fell under the wheels. He was taken to the Italian military hospital at Fano, and was attended by an Italian medical officer, and everything possible was done for him, but in spite of this he died four hours later. In conclusion, I am to convey to you, on the part of the Commanding Officer, his deepest sympathy. It may be some satisfaction to you to know that your husband died on the faithful performance of his duty, a fact that should secure you and your family the fullest pension it is in the power of the Ministry of Pensions to award."

References and Acknowledgments

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