

Surname	Downey
Forename	Joseph
Initials	J
Age	
Honours/Awards	
Date died	09/05/1915
Rank	Lance Corporal
Regiment	Royal Irish Fusiliers
Unit/Squadron	2 nd Bn.
Service Number	7479
Cemetery/Memorial	Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 33.
Further Information	Resided At 61 Edgmond Street, Seacombe



News Report

A Rain Of Fire

The tragedy of war has thrown its shadow upon another Seacombe home. News has been received by his widowed mother at 61, Edgmond Street, that her eldest son, Lance Corporal Joseph Downey, of the 2nd Royal Irish Fusiliers, has fallen in the recent heavy fighting in Flanders.

The intimation comes in a letter from a chum, who was fighting beside him. He writes:-

“He was killed in action on May 9th. We were under a terrible rain of shot and shell. He died a quiet death.

He had given me this address and I promised to send word if anything happened to him. I regret I have to break such bad news to yiu, but I have kept my promise.”

The writer adds a tribute to his dead comrade :-

“Poor Joe was one of my best friends. I knew him in India. He would give me the last bit he had, and I would have done the same for him.”

References and Acknowledgments

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