

Surname	Fiddler
Forename(s)	James William
Initials	J W
Age	25
Honours/Awards	
Date died	08/10/1918
Rank	Lance Corporal
Regiment	Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Unit/Squadron	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn
Service Number	55612
Cemetery/Memorial	Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gouy
Grave Reference	VI.D.7
Further Information	Son of William Wingfield Fidler and Martha Harriet Fidler, of 5, Clayton Lane, Poulton, Wallasey,.



#### Chronicle News

##### Honour Followed By Death

Within a few days of their having been gratified by the receipt of an intimation that one of their sons had been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry on the Western Front. Mr and Mrs Fiddler, of 5 Clayton Lane, Poulton, received the sad intelligence that their brave son had been killed on October 8<sup>th</sup>. We refer to Corporal James William Fiddler, Royal Welsh Fusiliers. "His death," a comrade writes, "was instantaneous," and proceeds:- "Words cannot express how his loss will be felt throughout his company and the whole battalion. He was held highly in esteem by all who came in contact with him. We always found him an honest and brave young man, whose equal will be hard to replace. We thought a lot of him, and his loss will be directly felt." In addition to the Military Medal, the late Corporal Fiddler had received from the commanding officer of one of the Welsh divisions a parchment certificate, dated 19<sup>th</sup> June last, to the following effect:- "On the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. this stretcher-bearer went to an isolated machine gun post which was being heavily shelled.

Though under direct enemy observation, he rendered invaluable assistance in the open in tending the wounded and carrying them to the rear." Corporal Fiddler enlisted in the Denbighshire Yeomanry in 1915, and was afterwards transferred to the R.W.F. He was well known in local football circles as a former prominent half-back of the Poulton Rovers, and was also a skilled boxer, having in that connection won cups in regimental and other competitions. It may be added that Mr W. Fiddler, his father, served for two and a half years in the ranks of the Cheshires during the early stages of the war, and was then released from the Army in order to return to his trade as an engineer.

#### References and Acknowledgments

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