

Surname	Finucane
Forename	Noel
Initials	N
Age	26
Honours/Awards	
Date died	04/01/1917
Rank	Private
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	1 st /10 th Bn.
Service Number	7494
Cemetery/Memorial	Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery
Grave Reference	V.C.11.
Further Information	Son of Mary and the late John Finucane, of 52, Strathcona Road, Liscard. Born Bolton. One of the crew of the "Lusitania."



News Report

Lusitania Survivor Killed

The death is announced in action of Pte. Noel Finucane, of the Bombers Battalion, King's Liverpool Regt., who, previous to his enlistment, resided at 117, Manor Road, Liscard. The gallant soldier was a member of the crew of the Lusitania at the time of the disaster, and was reported drowned. It subsequently transpired, however, that he was amongst the saved. He joined the King's Liverpool Regt., and the tributes which have been paid to his services Denote the fact that he had become an efficient and fearless soldier. Mrs. Finucane has received the following letters of condolence from the Officer Commanding the Bombers:-

"Dear Mrs. Finucane. – One of his friends has already written to you of your son's death in action. Will you please accept my most sincere sympathies. Your son had only been in my section for a few weeks, but he had already revealed a stout heart and a willing hand. He was recommended to me because of his

success in grenade work in England, and that success I am sure would have been amplified out here.

The blow to you must be exceedingly heavy. It is difficult to try and lessen that grief, but may I suggest these consolations, that he died the most honourable death it is given to man to die, and he was killed as all of us would wish, if it is to be our fate, to be killed – a bullet clean through the heart.

Again please accept my deepest sympathy. If there is anything I can do for you, please let me know. – Yours faithfully (Signed) Arnold Glesdale, O.C. Bombers, K.L.R.”

Later.

“I have returned from your son’s funeral. He was buried by a Church of Scotland padre in a military cemetery at -----, the battalion being represented by a number of the men, a company officer, the officer who was in charge of the working party when he was hit, and myself.”

References and Acknowledgments

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