

Surname	Garland
Forename(s)	Joseph Lawrence
Initials	J S
Age	24
Honours/Awards	
Date died	17/08/1917
Rank	Acting Bombardier
Regiment	Royal Garrison Artillery
Unit/Squadron	2nd/1st (Lancs.) Heavy Bty.
Service Number	309035
Cemetery/Memorial	Dozinghem Military Cemetery
Grave Reference	III.I.1
Further Information	Son of John and Lucy Amelia Garland, of Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire.



News Report

Seacombe Footballers Death

Mrs. Lucy Garland, of 33 Demesne Street, Seacombe, has received official news that her eldest son, Private Joseph (Joe) Lawrence Garland, aged 24, of the West Lancs. Heavy Battery, R.G.A., died from wounds received in action on August 17. He joined the Army about two years ago, and had been 14 months in France. He was educated at St. Joseph's School, Wheatland Lane, and was goalkeeper for the old St. Joseph's Football Club, and subsequently with the Kingsley and South Seacombe teams. Much sympathy has been expressed for Mrs. Garland, who lost her husband just 17 years ago.

Lieut. H. Shapcott writes:-

"Dear Mrs. Garland – I am writing to attempt to express my sympathy at the loss of your son, a difficult task to perform. He worked under me almost from the day he joined this Battery. I think I may say he has always done his work conscientiously and to the very best of his ability, being fearless and tireless. Of

the circumstances of his wounds from which he died in a Casualty Clearing Station the next day I know very little. But I do know this much, he was working under an officer of another battery, who was acting in the second phase of the great battle now proceeding, and had returned to the O.P. after having inspected the telephone lines, when it was found that one of the party had been left behind wounded. Your son, with another man, went back to bring the wounded man in. Almost directly they reached the spot a stray shell burst among them killing or wounding them all. Your son was taken on a stretcher to the C.C.S., where he died from his wounds. It is terrible to think of the many brave boys who have given their lives for their country in this awful war. It is indeed poor consolation to know that thousands of others are mourning the loss of those near and dear to them. But it may help you a little to know that your son was recommended for the D.C.M. for his gallant conduct on the day in question. Once again offering you my deepest sympathy and also that of his comrades.

References and Acknowledgments

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