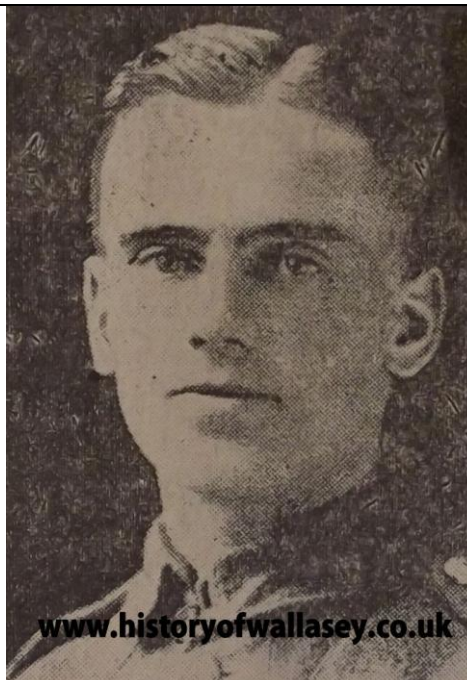


Surname	Gell
Forename(s)	John Frederick
Initials	J F
Age	27
Honours/Awards	
Date died	26/01/1916
Rank	Lance Sergeant
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	18 th Bn.
Service Number	16906
Cemetery/Memorial	Carnoy Military Cemetery
Grave Reference	P.15.
Further Information	Raised by his uncle, Mr. William S. McQuire, of Smithy Lane, Seacombe



News Report

Killed In A Dug-Out

Information has been received from Wallasey men at the front of the death of Sergt. John F. Gell, of the 18th Batt. King's Liverpool Regiment, which occurred last week in France. The young man was employed in the outbreak in the clerical department of the Wallasey Electricity Works at Liscard previous to enlisting, which he did when recruits were first called for identifying himself with the Liverpool Pals with many of his Wallasey comrades. From the news which has come through, it seems that the young fellow, who was 27 years of age, was in a dug-out resting after active service, in company with three other sergeants. A shell came along and found the retreat, exploding in their midst. Gell and his three companions were instantly killed.

Mr. Gell is the grandson of the late Mr. John Willis, of Victoria Road, Seacombe, and the nephew of Mr. William S. McQuire, of Smithy Lane, Seacombe, and 39, Park Road. He was brought up by Mr. McQuire, and had a most promising

career. He was a favourite with his companions in No. 3 Company, who were much affected of his death.

Sergeant Gell was also held in high esteem by all of his fellow-employees. He was a well-known local footballer.

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