


Surname	Godwin
Forename(s)	John (Jack) Thomas
Initials	J T
Age	23
Honours/Awards	
Date died	14/09/1917
Rank	Bombardier
Regiment	Royal Field Artillery
Unit/Squadron	"D" Bty. 276th Bde.
Service Number	681813
Cemetery/Memorial	Mendinghem Military Cemetery
Grave Reference	VII. C. 27.
Further Information	Fourth son of late Mrs. Ann Godwin, and of the late Mr. Thomas Godwin. 15 Fairview Avenue, Liscard, Wallasey. Educated at St. Mary's School, Liscard. Before joining the army was employed as a grocer's assistant with Messrs. Irwin, Son and Co., <a href="#">Seaview Road</a> , Liscard, Wallasey
	 A black and white portrait of a young man, Bombardier John (Jack) Thomas Godwin, in military uniform. He has short, dark hair and is looking slightly to the right of the camera. The image is a halftone print. At the bottom of the image, the text 'www.historyofwallasey.co.uk' is visible.

#### News Report

##### Shrapnel In The Head

Official news has been received of the death from wounds at the Casualty Clearing Station of Bombardier John (Jack) Thomas Godwin, R.F.A., in his 23<sup>rd</sup> year. He was educated at St. Mary's School, Liscard, and was previous to joining the Army, a grocer's assistant with Messrs. Irwin, Son and Co., Seaview Road. He was the fourth son of Mrs. Ann Godwin, and of the late Mr. Thomas Godwin, 15, Fairview Avenue, Liscard. Two other sons are in the Army.

The sister in charge at the Casualty Clearing Station writes:-

"Dear Mrs. Godwin – In reply to your letter asking for information about your son, Gunner Godwin, he was admitted to the hospital on the 14 inst. with a very bad shrapnel wound of lead, and I am very sorry to say he died shortly

afterwards. He was extremely ill when he came to us and quite collapsed, and it was at once seen his wounds were very serious and it was almost impossible to do anything for him. I feel very sorry for you to think that you were so widely separated from him when he had to make the great sacrifice, but try to think that at least he did not suffer much, for being so ill, he would have really no pain. Accept my heartfelt sympathy for you in your great sorrow.”

The Rev. G.H. Peskett, C.F., writes:- I am extremely sorry to have to convey sad news of you brother, J.T. Godwin, to you. He was admitted to this hospital in an unconscious state on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., suffering from a severe wound in the head. He was immediately attended to by very skilled surgeons and nurses, who used every endeavour to revive him, but in spite of their efforts he never rallied at all, passing away quite peacefully the same day. I laid his body to rest in the military cemetery here, where in due course a suitable inscribed cross will mark his grave.

#### References and Acknowledgments

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