

Surname	Hughes
Forename(s)	Thomas Hayes
Initials	T H
Age	24
Honours/Awards	
Date died	01/06/1917
Rank	Lance Sergeant
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	2 <sup>nd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
Service Number	200957
Cemetery/Memorial	Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentiers
Grave Reference	VII. C. 3.
Further Information	Second son of Thomas R. and Elizabeth Hughes, of 39 Brougham Road, Poulton, Wallasey. Educated at Riverside Council School and was a member of the Liscard Athletic and Cycling Club. Joined the army in November 1914.



#### News Report

##### Poulton Lance-Sergeant Killed

The sad intelligence has been received that Lance-Sergt. Thomas Hughes, of the King's Liverpool Regt., was killed in action on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Twenty-four years of age, he joined the army November, 1914, and had only been in France since January last. The brave boy was educated at Riverside Council School, and acted as an agent for the Refuge Assurance Company, Liverpool. He won a gold medal accompanied with £5, and a silver medal. He also obtained two bronze medals from the Salford Harriers, and medals from the Aldershot Command Harriers' Association, besides very many other valuable prizes. He was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. R. Hughes, 39, Broughton Road, Poulton.

Captain Percy Ambler writes:- "Dear Mrs. Hughrs – It deeply grieves me to

inform you that your son was wounded by a rifle bullet when out in No Man's Land on patrol, and that he died soon after we got him in. The stretcher bearer was on the spot immediately, but, unfortunately medical skill was of no avail, for he had lost too much blood whilst being carried into the trench. The loss of Sergt. Hughes is a great blow to us all, for he was a very popular N.C.O. and keen on his work. He is buried in a cemetery some little distance behind the line, and the officers and men of his platoon were present at the burial service.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Sydney H. Johnson writes:-

£Dear Mr and Mrs. Hughes – It is with the deepest regret that I write to you of the death of your son, Sergt. T. Hughes, and on behalf of my fellow officers, N.C.O's, and men of his company to offer you our deepest sympathy in the great loss you have sustained. Sergt. Hughes was a member of the platoon of which I am temporarily in charge, and went out on patrol duty. On returning to our trenches he was unfortunately hit in the thigh by a rifle bullet which severed the main artery. He lapsed into unconsciousness and passed away shortly afterwards. He was very popular in the company, and his loss will be greatly felt, not only by N.C.O's and men, but also by his officers, by whom he was very much respected and valued/ With deepest sympathy.”

The Rev. M.T. Eland, C.F., writes:-

“Dear Mrs. Hughes – I deeply regret to report that your son, Lance-Sergeant Thomas Hughes, was killed on the night of the last inst. Like thousands of his comrades in arms your son has laid down his life on the altar of self-sacrifice, and we may rest assured that He who knew so well what sacrifice means will not forget him. I like to think myself of these dear fellows who get killed, not really as dead, but simply as gone on with the “advanced party” – not to an attack, but to a heaven, where the voice of the guns is silenced, and where, please God, we shall shortly all follow. With my deepest sympathy.”

Sergeants M. Mainey and F. Caighill also write sympathetic letters expressing their grief at the sad loss of a dear friend and comrade.

### References and Acknowledgments

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