

Surname	Humphreys
Forename	William Henry
Initials	W H
Age	19
Honours/Awards	
Date died	28/06/1917
Rank	Private
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	1 st Bn.
Service Number	50557
Cemetery/Memorial	Arras Memorial
Grave Reference	Bay 5 and 6.
Further Information	Oldest son of Mr and Mrs William Humphreys, 25 Victoria Road, New Brighton, Wallasey. Educated at Vaughan Road School, New Brighton.



News Report

New Brighton Soldier Killed

The sad intelligence has been received that Pte. William Henry Humphreys, of the Cheshire Regt., was killed in action on June 29. The brave young soldier, who was only 19 years of age, joined the colours in May, 1916, and had been five months in France. He was educated at Vaughan Road, School, where he was awarded the high-class certificate for education generally. He was formerly employed with Messrs. Read, Ltd., engineers, Bridgewater Street, Liverpool, and attended St. James' Church. He also took a keen interest in all kinds of sport – football being his favourite hobby. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Humphreys, 25, Victoria Road, New Brighton.

2nd Lieut. J.W. Wynne, commanding officer of the platoon, writes:-

“Dear Mrs. Humphreys – It is with my deepest sympathy that I have to convey to you the sad news of the death of your son, which occurred on the 29th June. I

was very near him when he was killed by a shell exploding in the trench. You will, perhaps, find some little consolation in the fact that he suffered no pain, as death was instantaneous. Allow me to convey to you the heartfelt sympathy of the whole of his comrades in your very sad loss.”

References and Acknowledgments

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