

Surname	Huntington
Forename	William
Initials	W
Age	
Honours/Awards	
Date died	15/09/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	Royal Army Medical Corps
Unit/Squadron	44 th Field Amb.
Service Number	77529
Cemetery/Memorial	Thiepval Memorial
Grave Reference	Pier and Face 4 C.
Further Information	Resided at 13 St. Alban's Road, Liscard and leaves a widow and 5 children. Employed before the war with Barker and Jones, Wallasey brickworks. Was killed by a German shell whilst recovering injured soldiers.



News Report

A Gallant And Willing Soldier

Private William Huntington, who was known by the nick-name of "Barlow," of the R.A.M.C., has made the great sacrifice carrying out his military duties in France. He leaves a widow – Mrs W. Huntington, of 13, St. Alban's Road, Liscard, and five children, the eldest of whom is seven years of age. Huntington was, before the war, employed by Messrs. Barker and Jones, the Wallasey brickworks, who have thus lost one of their best workmen. Always reliable, good tempered, and good natured, he made not only a good workman but a devoted husband and father. He acted as linesman of the Wallasey Brickworks Football Club.

The Acting Commanding Officer of the Unit (Captain F.G. Flood), in a letter to the widow expressing sympathy, said: £During the period he served with us he

proved himself a gallant and willing soldier, ready to undertake and carry out any duty allotted to him with great cheerfulness.”

The Chaplain wrote:- “He was with a party of stretcher bearers at the time helping to carry down the wounded to the nearest dressing station. While doing this splendid work he was called upon to make the great sacrifice – he lay down his life helping to save others. One always feels it is a splendid death for a man, but at the same time one cannot help thinking and feeling for the sorrow of those who are left behind. He was buried by his own friends, and I have arranged for a cross with his name and the date of his death to be erected. May God of all comfort and consolation help and cheer you in your time of sorrow.”

The brother of the deceased soldier, Jack Huntington, in a letter to his wife, says:-

“I have some sorrowful news to tell you. My brother Will got killed on the 15th with more pals. We were going out to fetch the wounded in when the Germans started to shell us so we took cover in a shell hole. We had not been there long before a shell dropped in between us killing three and burying three of us. I do not know how I managed to escape. I am all right, only feeling upset. Tell Annie that he felt no pain for he was killed on the spot.”

References and Acknowledgments

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