

Surname	Johnstone
Forename	James
Initials	J T
Age	
Honours/Awards	
Date died	16/06/1915
Rank	Private
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	1 st /10 th
Service Number	3324
Cemetery/Memorial	Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 4 and 6.
Further Information	Parents resided at 67 Littledale Road, Seacombe, Wallasey.



News Report

Seacombe Man Dies From Wounds

Official notification has only now come to hand of the death from wounds, received in the charge at Hooze, on June 16th, of Private J. Johnstone, a Seacombe member of the Liverpool Scottish. His parents at 67, Littledale Road, have been in great anxiety for a long time past regarding their son, who had been reported missing since the Hooze engagement. It now appears that, falling seriously wounded he was captured and died in a German hospital.

A Liverpool comrade, who was also wounded in the charge, writes to Mrs. Johnstone:-

"I first saw him in the fourth trench, wounded in the head, so another chap and myself put him into a dug-out close by. The Germans afterwards retook this trench and so he became a prisoner.

I next saw him in the German hospital, to which we were both taken, after his

wounds had been dressed. He was quite unconscious. I then had to have my own wounds dressed and did not see him again.

Afterwards I asked one for the German attendants what had become of him and he replied: "Your comrade is dead."

I think there was very little hope for him from the first, as he also had a wound in the abdomen, though if care could have saved him, he would have been saved. You will feel glad to know he was quite unconscious the whole time, and therefore did not suffer."

The writer adds that Private Johnstone would be buried somewhere between Moorsede and Courtrai. In condoling with the relatives, he speaks of his dead comrade's bravery, remarking that he died a hero's death. "He was always a good worker, always willing," he says, "and he did his duty to the utmost."

The eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone, the deceased gave up his post as second cook on the Lusitania to join the Scottish just over a year ago, leaving for France in January. He was a very popular among his fellows. He was a Mason, being a member of Lodge 2714.

References and Acknowledgments

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