Surname	Jones
Forename(s)	William Fletcher
Initials	W F
Age	21
Honours/Awards	
Date died	09/11/1918
Rank	Lance Corporal
Regiment	Royal Engineers
Unit/Squadron	55 th Div. Signal One.
Service Number	431755
Cemetery/Memorial	Chercq Churchyard
Grave Reference	A.1.
Further Information	Son of John Fletcher Jones and Alice Williamson Jones, of
	121, Mount Rd., New Brighton, Cheshire. Born at
	Liverpool.
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Signaller's Fatal Wounds

Mr and Mrs J, Fletcher Jones, of 121 Mount Road, New Brighton, received official notification on Tuesday of the death from wounds of their eldest son, Lance-Corpl. William Fletcher Jones, which occurred in Flanders on November 9th. He had just turned 17 years of age when he joined the 4th West Lancashire Royal Field Artillery (Howitzer Brigade) in August 1914. He was drafted to Ypres in 1915 with the 2nd Canadian Division of which they formed part of the Artillery.

Sometime afterwards the 55th Division was formed with which they were embodied, and he was with the famous Division through the battles and hard fighting they experienced. After the battle of the Somme, he became attached to the Royal Engineers, having during the quiet periods made a special study of signalling, coming through the various examinations with the highest honours, and at the time of his death he was away on special duty in charge of the Brigade wireless.

Lance-Corpl. Jones was educated at Vaughan Road School, and for several years was a member of the 4rd Wallasey (Emmanuel) Scouts, in which he too a most active and enthusiastic interest. Much sympathy has been extended to the parents in the loss of a gallant young life, just at the close of the fighting after 4½ years of strenuous.

References and Acknowledgments

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