

Surname	Litchfield
Forename(s)	John Robert
Initials	J R
Age	24
Honours/Awards	
Date died	25/09/1916
Rank	Rifleman
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	1 st /6 th Bn.
Service Number	240534
Cemetery/Memorial	Thiepval Memorial
Grave Reference	Pier and Face 1 D 8 B and 8 C.
Further Information	Son of Albert and Sarah Ann Litchfield, of 13, Beechwood Avenue, Wallasey, Cheshire.



News Report

Wallasey Military Medallist

A Missing Brother

Lance-Sergeant Harold Litchfield, the son of Mr and Mrs Albert Litchfield, of 13, Beechwood Avenue, Wallasey, has been awarded the Military Medal. His previous sergeant – Sergeant R.C. Sugars – who has since lost an arm, writing to Mr and Mrs Litchfield, says of the incident which led to the distinction, “On one occasion, after the explosion of a mine, and after three men of his team were wounded, he took command of the gun and kept it in action during a heavy bombardment, in a manner which deserved very great praise.”

Mr and Mrs Litchfield have two other sons serving. The oldest is at Aldershot, and was shell-shocked at Givenchy last June. The third son, Lance Corporal J.R. Litchfield, has been out with the King’s Liverpool Regiment since February, 1915, and is reported missing after being in action on the 25th September last.

Lance Sergeant H. Litchfield is 22 years of age, and is an old boy of St. George's Road School and the Higher Elementary School. He was at the Board of Education Office before he joined and belonged to the London Regiment (machine gun company).

References and Acknowledgments

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