

Surname	Martin
Forename	Fred William
Initials	F W
Age	21
Honours/Awards	
Date died	12/08/1917
Rank	Gunner
Regiment	Royal Garrison Artillery
Unit/Squadron	12 th Heavy Bty.
Service Number	138651
Cemetery/Memorial	Belgian Battery Corner Cemetery
Grave Reference	I.I.4.
Further Information	Son of Frederick W. and Elizabeth Martin, of 16, Venus St., Anfield, Liverpool. Resided in Brompton Avenue.



News Report

Egremont Footballer Killed

Wallasey footballers will hear with regret of the death of Gunner Fred W. Martin, R.G.A., who was killed in action on August 12th. Gunner Martin, who was 21 years of age, resided at Brompton Avenue until a few months before the war and was well-known in football circles in Wallasey. He played centre forward for the Egremont St. John's F.C., and scored 68 goals in 1913-14, matching both goals in the Wallasey Invinsa final 1913-14, when Egremont won the cup by defeating the Wallasey Brickworks, 2-1. "Freddy" was very popular with all the members of the club. He is the sixth member of the club to make the heroic sacrifice. [Charles Slade](#) and Joseph Smith (Liverpool Scottish), fell at Hooge, 1915; [Jack Dennis](#) and [Ernie Godwin](#) at Vimy Ridge, 1916; and [Dave Nolan](#) (Wallasey Pals), 1916.

Fred Martin was in the R.G.A. (T.F.) before war broke out, and enlisted for foreign service at once, but did not go out until 1916. Egremont St. John's F.C. has over 40 members serving, and all joined before the Group system.

References and Acknowledgments

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