

Surname	McDonnell
Forename(s)	John Harold
Initials	J H
Age	26
Honours/Awards	
Date died	30/07/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	17 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
Service Number	15308
Cemetery/Memorial	Thiepval Memorial
Grave Reference	Pier and Face 1 D 8 B and 8 C.
Further Information	Son of John Size McDonnell and Mary Emily McDonnell, of 41, Central Park Avenue, Liscard, Wallasey, Cheshire.

Chronicle News

Fate Of Liscard Brothers

One Killed, Another Wounded

During an advance against the German lines which his battalion made on the morning of July 30th, Private John McDonnell, reside at 41, Central Park Avenue, Liscard, was shot in the head.

Receiving his earlier education at St. Edward's College, Liverpool, he afterwards entered the employ of Messrs. H. and W. Nelson, shipping agents. On the formation of the Liverpool "Pals" he enlisted in the 1st Battalion, and proceeded to France in November last. In the first stages of the great offensive he had a narrow escape, for by some means or other his pack became ignited. However, he came through this ordeal, and then the sad tidings were received that he had been killed.

"Died A Soldier's Death"

Writing to Mr. McDonnell, one of Private McDonnell's school chums said: "Jack was shot through the head with a machine gun bullet, and I think death was instantaneous. It was a terrible time for us, and a lot of the old boys have gone under. Jack has died a soldier's death, and God is his reward."

A regular attender at St. Alban's Church, Liscard, the fallen soldier was also a popular member of the Catholic Young Men's Society. He was twenty-five years of age.

His brother, Lance-Corpl., Bob McDonnell, also of the "Pals," who was wounded on July 2nd, is at present in hospital near Cardiff.

References and Acknowledgments

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