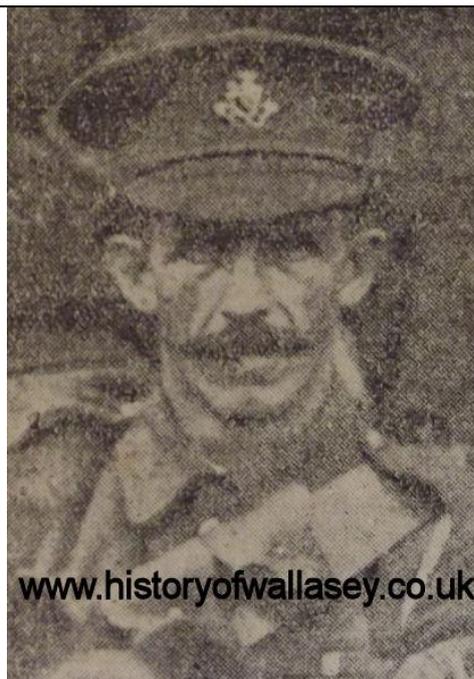


Surname	McGinty
Forename	James
Initials	J
Age	38
Honours/Awards	
Date died	20/06/1917
Rank	Sergeant
Regiment	Royal Irish Rifles
Unit/Squadron	14 th Bn.
Service Number	1/41099
Cemetery/Memorial	Messines Ridge British Cemetery
Grave Reference	VI.B.31.
Further Information	Husband of Ellen McGinty, of 11, Wallace St., Seacombe, Cheshire.



Seacombe Sergeant Killed

Officer's Fine Tribute

It is with regret we have to announce the death, in action, of Sergt. James McGinty, an old Wallaseyan, who had resided in the district for nearly 30 years. The deceased was an old soldier, having served through the Boar War with the 8th Royal Irish Hussars. H rejoined the colours on the outbreak of hostilities, and went to France with the 14th Royal Irish Rifles. His wife, who resides at 11, Wallace Street, Seacombe, has received the following letter from the Captain of his company:-

“Dear Mrs. McGinty:- I would like to assure you of the sincere sympathy of myself and the other officers, N.C.O.'s, and men on the death of your husband on the 20th inst. He was sitting in a trench talking to some others when a shell exploded right above, killing your husband instantly. He did not suffer – everything was over in a second. We buried him this morning, the service being read by Rev. Father Barrett, who will no doubt write to you also. I cannot tell you, Mrs. McGinty, how much we all deplore your husband's loss. I have never

seen a man make so many friends so quickly. To me it is a loss that I cannot express, in mere words. "Jim," as all the men affectionately called him, was one of the whitest sportsmen I have ever known. I am very, very sorry. My company won't seem the same again without him."

The Rev. Father George H. Barrett, C.F., writes:-

"My dear Mrs. McGinty – I am very, very sorry that is my painful duty to write this letter to you. You will have already received news from the War Office of the death of your husband, and it will be, I think, some help and consolations to you in your deep sorrow to know how highly he was valued by officers and men in his Battalion. His Company Commander 24 hours after his death could hardly restrain his tears when he spoke of it, and on every side I heard expressions of sorrow, careful and kind-hearted. Sergt. McGinty was always thinking of the men's welfare, and was admired and loved by all who know him. Above all, he was a thorough Catholic, true and devoted to his faith, and always endeavouring to help others in the practice of their religion. It will be a consolation to learn that his death must have been quite painless. He has made the great sacrifice; he has given all in doing his duty, not only for his country, but to his God. You will permit me to assure you of my deep sympathy with you and all the family in this heavy loss. God grant you His consoling grace to help you to bear your heavy cross. I feel how inadequate any expression of my sympathy and sorrow must be."

References and Acknowledgments

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