

Surname	McMurtrie
Forename	Stanley Gibson
Initials	S.G
Age	40
Honours/Awards	
Date died	14/06/1919
Rank	Chaplain 4 <sup>th</sup> Class
Regiment	Royal Army Chaplains' Department
Unit/Squadron	
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Egremont (St. John Churchyard), Wallasey
Grave Reference	South 284
Further Information	Former vicar of St. John's Church, Egremont, Wallasey.



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#### News Report

#### Death Of Vicar Of Egremont

#### Fatal Illness Due To War Service

Church people in Wallasey in particular, and the public in general, will learn with very sincere regret that the Rev. Stanley G. McMurtrie, M.A., vicar of Egremont, died in London on Saturday last, following an operation. Mr. McMurtrie, who was 40 years of age and a bachelor, had been seriously ill for about six months, suffering from Graves' disease, set up in the course of his strenuous service as chaplain in the forces of Egypt, Macedonia, and France.

The Rev. Stanley Gibson McMurtrie, who was a M.A. of St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, had had a varied experience of church work. He was the curate of Grange Sylvan with Shankhill from 1903 till 1905, and was subsequently for two years at Seapatrick, Benbridge, Ireland. He was a minor canon of Kilkenny Cathedral for two years, and towards the latter part of his stay was curate. Prior to coming to New Brighton he was curate at St. Saviour's, Woolcott Park, Bristol.

At New Brighton he was assistant curate at St. James's Church, and in 1916 became curate-in-charge of the sister church of All Saints. In September, 1917, Mr. McMurtrie was appointed by the Bishop of Chester to succeed the Rev. W.T. Warburton, M.A., vicar of Hoylake, as vicar of St. John's Egremont, after having served as a chaplain in France, Macedonia, Egypt and Palestine. He went to France again last New Year's Day, and remained with his beloved "boys" until compelled by ill-health to give up. His exertions, and his experiences in the varied climates of Western Europe and the East, undoubtedly undermined his health (and he was a strong and athletic personality) so that it van with truth be said that he gave his life for his country as surely as did any soldier on the battlefield.

Mr. McMurtie was held in the highest esteem by all that knew him. He was a most lovable gentleman, cheery, warm hearted, and gifted with a fine sense of humour. He was, indeed, the ideal of a robust Christian man and minister, He was a devoted pastor of his flock, full of sympathy for those in sorrow or sickness, and never failing in his attendance at the beside of the sick or dying. He was especially interested in Sunday School work, in regard to which he was an expert, and also took a keen interest in the work of the Church of England Men's Society. He was an excellent cricketer, an ardent supporter of all manly games, and evinced keen interest in the Boys' Brigade and Cadet movements. Mr. McMurtrie could never do enough for the men of the fighting services, and when ay home untiring in his ministry as chaplain at the Town Hall Military Hospital, in which he was assisted by the Rev. R.L. Boyer. So energetic as he that it is to be feared he began work too soon after his last return from the front. His untimely death has created a feeling of profound sorrow among the members of his flock, a sentiment in which the public of Wallasey will share.

#### References and Acknowledgments

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