


Surname	Mercer
Forename	James
Initials	J
Age	
Honours/Awards	Military Medal
Date died	17/04/1917
Rank	Sergeant
Regiment	Manchester Regiment
Unit/Squadron	22 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.
Service Number	40719
Cemetery/Memorial	H.A.C Cemetery, Ecoust-St. Mein
Grave Reference	III. K. 15.
Further Information	Resided with his wife at 9 Scott Street, Liscard, Wallasey. Formerly employed with Barker & Jones brickmakers, Wallasey. Awarded the Military Medal for carrying a message under fire to headquarters which brought relief to a hard pressed position. Killed by an exploding shell whilst leading a platoon of men.
	

#### News Report

##### Military Medallist Killed

Mrs. Mercer, of, Scott Street, Liscard, has received the sad news that her husband, Sergt. J. Mercer, of the Manchester Regt., has been killed in action. Sergt. Mercer, who was employed at Messrs. Baker and Jones, brickmakers, Wallasey, before the war, won a Military Medal earlier this year for meritorious service. He carried a message under fire to headquarters, and brought relief to a hard pressed position. He was killed on April 17, and from the letter written by his commanding officers it appears that he was at the head of a leading platoon entering a village when a German shell fell close to him, killing him and wounding several of his men. "He was," writes his officer, "a very good sergeant, and is a great loss to his company. He was buried in the village of -----, and a

wooden cross is erected over his grave." Sergt. Mercer first joined the Cheshires, and was transferred to the Manchester Regt.

#### References and Acknowledgments

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