

Surname	Mullock
Forename	John
Initials	J
Age	17
Honours/Awards	
Date died	20/01/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	16257
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Carnoy Military Cemetery
Grave Reference	P.13.
Further Information	Son of Alfred and Margaret Mullock, of 87, King St., Wallasey, Cheshire.



#### News Report

#### Killed On Duty

The deepest sympathy will be extended to Mr. A. Mullock, of 87, King Street, Egremont, who received news on Wednesday evening that his only son, Private John Mullock, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Liverpool Pals, was killed in action on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Mullock first received the sad tidings in a field postcard, and he has since had a letter from Captain C.N. Brocklebank, the N.C.O. of No.1 Company, saying :-

"I feel by the time you receive this letter you will have received the sad news about your dear son. He was killed instantaneously yesterday by a bullet through the head when taking up his position as sentry in the trenches. I cannot tell you how much I as well as his platoon officer feel your son's death. He was one of the nicest boys imaginable, never giving the least bit of trouble and always a smile on his face and most popular with all his platoon. The one comfort is, he had no suffering whatever, and he died on duty, doing his duty to the end as cheerfully as he had always done. I offer you my sincerest sympathy.

“Your son was buried tonight in the little cemetery behind the trenches, and in due course you will receive official notice of the place, and the exact spot.”

Lieutenant Eric Fitzbrown, in a letter, in a letter also adds a tribute to Private Mullock. He writes :-

“Captain Brocklebank has, I believe, written to you already, so I know that I can pay no glowing tribute to your son’s memory, who was without exception one of the most popular men in the company. I can only add my own personal tribute as well as that of his platoon to a man who by his unfailing cheeriness and courage under all circumstances had made himself an invaluable member of his company.”

Private Mullock, who enlisted after the outbreak of war, was previously a clerk in the firm of Joseph Bibby, of Liverpool. He was educated at Vaughan Road Higher Elementary School.

#### References and Acknowledgments

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