

Surname	Peers
Forename	Bernard
Initials	B
Age	
Honours/Awards	
Date died	11/05/1917
Rank	Rifleman
Regiment	South Lancashire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	2nd/5th Bn.
Service Number	242682
Cemetery/Memorial	Trois Arbres Cemetery, Steenwerck
Grave Reference	I. K. 11
Further Information	Son of Mr and Mrs William Peers, of 12 Merton Road, Liscard.
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News Report

Patriotic Liscard Family

Much sympathy will be felt with Mr. and Mrs. William Peers, of 12 Merton Road, Liscard, in the bereavement they have sustained by the death of their son, Rifleman Bernard Peers, who has been killed in action. The sons of Mr. and Mrs. Peers have an honourable record of service to their credit. The eldest, Sergt. Samuel Peers, who is 24 years of age and is attached to the 3rd Batt., South Lancs. Regt., has had 14 months experience of active service in France. He was wounded twice in Ypres, and spent three months in hospital. On rejoining he took part in the Somme offensive and was wounded a third time in October last year. He is at present at home on leave, under orders to return to France. Before enlisting he was employed by the Ajax Window Cleaning Co., Seacombe. The second son, Pte. William Peers, served 15 months at the front with the 1st 8th King's Liverpool Regt. He was wounded in the shoulder with an explosive bullet and taken prisoner at Delville Wood in August 1916. He is in a prison camp at Ohrdruf Thur. Saxony. Rifleman Bernard Peers, who is reported killed, joined the

2nd 5th South Lancs. Regt. at the age of 18 years and nine months, and had only been in the service seven months, four of which he spent at the front. Prior to enlisting he was employed by Mr. Heptenstall, milk dealer, of New Brighton. He was killed in action on May 11. The following letter, which relates the circumstances of his death, has been received from the Rev. G. Kennedy Tucker, the chaplain at the Casualty Station where the deceased was received.

"Dear Mrs. Peers. – It is with very great sorrow that I have to tell you of the death of your son, Rifleman B. Peers. He was brought in here on Friday last suffering from a very severe wound in the head. Although everything possible was done for him, he passed away soon after admission. He was unconscious all the time he was here. You will be glad to know that he did not seem to suffer acute pain, and that the end was quite peaceful. I laid him to rest next day in the little cemetery near by. The service was conducted with military honours. A cross will be erected over the grave. I can only offer you my very deep sympathy and pray that you may have strength to bear your great sorrow. You can be cheered by the thought that your son has done his duty noble, and is one of those of whom the nation is so proud. Do not think of your boy as dead, but as alive in that land where there is no pain or sorrow and where Christ Himself does reign."

References and Acknowledgments

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