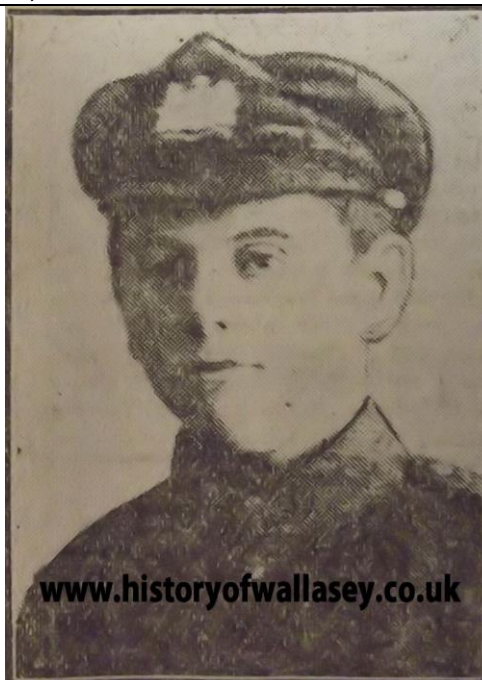


Surname	Percy
Forename(s)	Cyril Needham
Initials	C N
Age	20
Honours/Awards	
Date died	08/11/1918
Rank	Private
Regiment	Manchester Regiment
Unit/Squadron	1 <sup>st</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
Service Number	303637
Cemetery/Memorial	Caudry British Cemetery
Grave Reference	I.A.22.
Further Information	Son of Mr and Mrs T.J. Percy of 106 Deveraux Drive, Somerville, Poulton



#### News Report

#### Died From Gunshot Wounds

Mr and Mrs T.J. Percy, of 106, Deveraux Drive, Somerville, have received the sad news of the death from gunshot wounds in the head of their eldest son, Pte. Cyril Needham Percy, which occurred on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 21 Casualty Clearing Station, France. The brave soldier, who was in his 21<sup>st</sup> year, joined the 1-8<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regt., in March, 1917, and was transferred as Cadet in the Royal Air Force, being drafted to France on July 23<sup>rd</sup> last year. He was educated at the Liverpool Corporation School, Granby Street, and employed as Customs clerk by Messrs James Chambers and Co., Ltd., King Street, Liverpool. Pte. Percy was a member of Martin's Lane Presbyterian Church and was an accomplished musician and organist. Much sympathy has been extended to the parents in their bereavement.

Mr. Walter J. Chambers (Messrs J. Chambers and Co.) writes:- "Dear Mrs. Percy – I was very sorry, as was everybody in the office, to receive your note informing is

of Cyril's death. It comes particularly hard that he should have escaped until the very day on which the terms of the armistice were announced to the Germans, whereas three more days would have put him out of this sort of danger for the rest of his life. It is of course some little satisfaction to know that the poor lad could not have suffered much, and you have the satisfaction of knowing he very willingly did his duty and gave his life for probably the greatest cause that ever has existed in the world's history. He was a nice bright boy, everybody liked him here, and we are all glad to think that the time he spent here was pleasant and happy. I can only express my deepest sympathy on behalf of myself and my sons with you in this great loss. Time alone can bring you consolation and relief.

#### References and Acknowledgments

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