

Surname	Pierce
Forename(s)	John Lloyd
Initials	J L
Age	21
Honours/Awards	
Date died	01/07/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	18 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
Service Number	17206
Cemetery/Memorial	Thiepval Memorial
Grave Reference	Pier And Face 1 D 8 B And 8 C.
Further Information	Son of R. D. L. and Alice Ann Pierce, of 66, Belvidere Rd., Wallasey, Cheshire.



#### News Report

##### Footballer and Bowler Killed

We regret to record the death of Private John Lloyd Pierce, of the Liverpool Pals, of 66, Belvidere Road, Liscard. In a letter received by Miss Pierce (sister) from a comrade it is stated that her brother was wounded in the body and was last seen lying in a shell hole.

Mr. R. Pierce has received a letter from Captain W. K. Stoddart, which he says :-  
 "On behalf of the officers and men of No.4 Company, 18<sup>th</sup> Kings Liverpool Regiment, I wish to express our deep sympathy on the loss of your son, killed in action on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Ever since he joined us he has invariably done his duty that the won the battle. It may help you a little in your sorrow to know how nobly your son died and how much he was loved and respected by all."

The late Private Pierce was formerly in the employ of Messrs. Ravenscroft and Co., cotton brokers, Liverpool, and celebrated his majority in the trenches in

June last. Up to a few years ago he was an enthusiastic member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wallasey Boy Scouts. A well-known local footballer, he played outside left for Lyndhurst in the Wallasey Invinsa League, his partner being Private J. Brotherston (also of the Liverpool 'Pals'), who recently died from the effects of wounds. Private Pierce was likewise an expert bowler, and had played for Rake Lane P.S.A. and Harrison Park. It will be remembered that he played at the Quarry against the great bowler, W.Parr, in the Owen Merit Competition the year the first prize was won by Mr. Brixton, who played Parr in the final. His father also shines at the pastime, playing for Wallasey Central Conservatives in the Borough League.

#### References and Acknowledgments

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