

Surname	Plant
Forename	William
Initials	W
Age	
Honours/Awards	
Date died	18/02/1916
Rank	Corporal
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	9 th Bn.
Service Number	16446
Cemetery/Memorial	Pont-Du-Hem Military Cemetery, La Gorgue
Grave Reference	I.B.5.
Further Information	Resided at 83, Gladstone Road, Seacombe, Wallasey.



Chronicle News

Seacombe Corporal Killed

"We had only been working an hour when I heard the shot. On turning round I saw it was Bill. I got hold of him and asked him where he was hit. Well, he never answered. He was shot through the heart." Such is part of the message sent by Private J. Fletcher, 1, Catherine Terrace, concerning the death of Corpl. William Plant, of 83, Gladstone Road, Seacombe. Plant, of 83, Gladstone Road, Seacombe, who was killed on February 19th. His regiment was the 19th Cheshires, and his age was twenty-five years.

Previously wounded

Joining the Army at the outbreak of war the late Corporal Plant went to France in July last year. He was wounded on January 19th, the bullet entering his side and coming out at his back, but after being treated in hospital went back to the trenches. The news of his death was received in Seacombe on Monday this

week. On February 19th he was in charge of a working party engaged in repairing a parapet when he was shot by a sniper. His death was a source of deep regret to his platoon and sergeants.

"I was at his side when he was hit," states Private Fletcher, "and he died in a few seconds. He suffered not a minute."

Two Brothers In Army

Corporal Plant has seen active service since his arrival in France, for in addition to being wounded he took part at Loos. He was, when at home, a dock labourer. Two brothers are also in the Army - Private Walter Plant, R.A.M.C., and Private Oswald Plant, 11th Cheshires.

References and Acknowledgments

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