

Surname	Porter
Forename(s)	Thomas Benson
Initials	T B
Age	18
Honours/Awards	
Date died	30/06/1915
Rank	Rifleman
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	1 st /6 th Bn.
Service Number	2221
Cemetery/Memorial	Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 4 and 6.
Further Information	Son of Thomas M. And Jane Porter.
<p>Chronicle News</p> <p><u>Shot By A Sniper</u></p> <p>The sad news has been received in Liscard of the death in action at the front of Private Thomas Benson Porter, son of Mr and Mrs T. Porter, 4, Rowson Street, Upper Brighton. He was only eighteen years of age, and was a member of the 6th King's (Liverpool). He joined the Territorials in August last year, and went abroad in February. He had some thrilling experiences, and was in the fight for Hill 60.</p> <p>Writing to Mr and Mrs Fairclough, of 2, Rowson Street, Private William Fairclough, their son, who joined the 6th K.L.R. at the same time as Pte. Porter, tells of the latter's death. The letter is dated 1st July, 1915, and states@-</p> <p>"A most awful thing has happened While on a fatigue yesterday Tommy, who was carrying sandbags along a support trench, was shot through the brain by a sniper in the German lines. I arrived as soon as possible, but he had died almost immediately. I am sure he did not suffer, for he made no sign after he was hit ... You can imagine how it has knocked me over, although when one is in this game one is naturally prepared in some degree for things like this.</p> <p>"We buried him just behind the firing line last night. Just as he was reading it there was a burst of rapid fire and a lot of lights, and made the service seem much more impressive than I have seen in a church."</p> <p>The late Private Porter was a member of the Sandrock Tennis Club, as also is his chum, Private Fairclough. He was also a member of the New Brighton Football Club. He attended Egremont Presbyterian Church, Manor Road, and had belonged to the Sunday School associated with that church. He was also a member of Mr. J.T. Chester's Bible Class at Rake Lane Congregational Church. He was in the Dock Board Office, Liverpool.</p>	

References and Acknowledgments

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