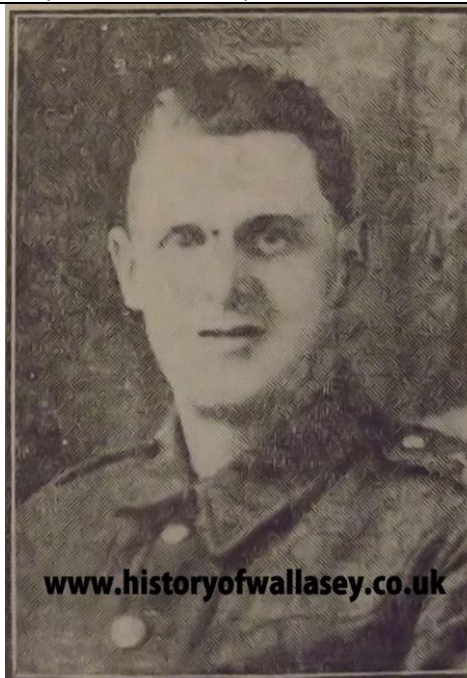


Surname	Richards
Forename	Frank
Initials	F
Age	30
Honours/Awards	
Date died	18/09/1918
Rank	Private
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	12 th Bn.
Service Number	50182
Cemetery/Memorial	Karasouli Military Cemetery
Grave Reference	A.37
Further Information	Son of John S. and Emily Richards, of 10, Marlborough Rd., Wallasey. Native of Liverpool.



News Report

Liscard Soldier Dies Of Wounds

Official intimation has recently been received by Mr and Mrs John S. Richards, of 10 Marlborough Road, Liscard, of the death from wounds received in action of their second son Private Frank Richards, while serving as a Lewis gunner, with the 13th Cheshire Regiment, to which regiment he had been attached since 1915.

The details of the action in which he received the wounds which terminated fatally have been supplied by the Lieutenant of his company who has informed Mr and Mrs Richards, that on the 18th September, their son was firing his gun when he was struck. With that bravery and pertinacity which has characterised the actions of all British soldiers during the war, he continued firing despite his wounds, but unfortunately he was struck a second time, and dangerously wounded. He was promptly removed to one of the field ambulances, where everything was possible was done to save his life, but his wounds were such a serious nature that he sank rapidly and died the same day.

Naturally, the news of Private Richards' death, has caused the deepest sorrow amongst his many friends in the Wallasey district, of which he had been a resident for over 20 years, and the deepest sympathy will be extended to his sorrowing parents and other members of the family. He was a young man of a most winsome and loving disposition, an earnest church worker, a most devoted son and brother, and friend. Private Richards was a very earnest worker at the Martin's Lane R.E. Church, and his parents have had, amongst the many letters of condolence in their irreparable loss, a very touching letter from the Rev. M. Greenhaigh, and the Vestry of the Church, which refers in the highest terms to the work he had done for the church and congregation.

Prior to the war Private Richards was for many years with Messrs. Smith, Edwards and Co., cotton merchants, Chapel Street, Liverpool. He joined up shortly after the outbreak of war, and went out to the Dardanelles with the 1/4th Cheshire Regiment, in 1915, arriving out there on the 8th August. He went through some of the hardest fighting which took place on the Gallipoli Peninsula, and had some remarkable escapes during his 3 months stay there, when he was taken seriously ill with dysentery and removed on a hospital ship to Malta. He was at Malta for three months when he was sent home to England to recuperate. The opportunity of coming home to Wallasey and being with his relatives and friends greatly improved his health. In 1916, he was drafted out to France, and spent the whole of that severe winter in the trenches and during the battle of Messines was wounded and was again sent home to England for treatment. Prior to being wounded, he had accomplished some excellent work, which had been brought under the special notice of the Brigadier-General, who recommended Pte. Richards for a commission. Owing to his being removed from the field of action, some delay was caused in the preparation of the official papers necessary for the taking up of the commission and before they were forthcoming Private Richards had become attached to the 12th Cheshires, and had again left England on December 31st last, for Salonika, where, unfortunately he has sacrificed his life in the cause of his King and country. A tragic coincidence is that he should have gone through the whole of the campaign on several battlefields until within two weeks of the cessation of hostilities on the Bulgarian front, and then to have fallen at the early age of 30 years.

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