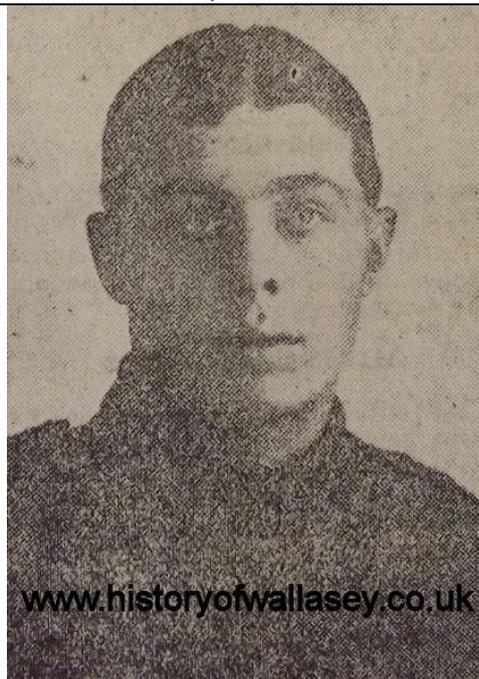


Surname	Russell
Forename	Hubert Thomas De Bloise
Initials	H T de B
Age	25
Honours/Awards	
Date died	15/06/1917
Rank	Rifleman
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	1 st /6 th Bn.
Service Number	242764
Cemetery/Memorial	Mendinghem Military Cemetery
Grave Reference	I.E.33.
Further Information	Son of Mr. H.E. Russell, Wallasey Road, Wallasey; husband of Mary Howard Pownall (formerly Russell), of 111, Banks Rd., West Kirby, Birkenhead.



News Report

Hit By A Shell Splinter

Mr. H.E. Russell, of Wallasey Road, Liscard, has lost his son, Rifleman H.T. de B. Russell, of the King's Liverpool Regt., who died in hospital in France from wounds. His officer, in a letter conveying the sad news to the deceased soldier's wife says:-

"Your husband had been with my platoon since December last, and was a great favourite in the platoon, always being cheery and gay, even in adverse circumstances. He was one of the men picked by myself for a party I was to take to the enemy line, and always showed great coolness and courage. He was hit by a shell splinter in the back while on a carrying party. The piece, I believe, penetrated the right lung, and he had to be carried down to the dressing station. I saw him on his way down, and he did not seem to be in much pain."

The Chaplain, who saw him on admission to hospital, says:-

"I regret to say his case was hopeless. One consolation is that he did not suffer very much or for long. He has not died in vain, but nobly giving his life that others may live."

Another officer writing says:- "Russell was a good soldier and always kept a brave heart. His loss will be felt by all his comrades, and officers in the company."

References and Acknowledgments

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