

Surname	Sampson
Forename(s)	James Francis
Initials	J F
Age	21
Honours/Awards	
Date died	12/07/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	17 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
Service Number	15878
Cemetery/Memorial	Peronne Road Cemetery, Maricourt
Grave Reference	I.G.15
Further Information	Resided at 'Mellifont', Rowson Street, New Brighton
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#### News Report

##### New Brighton Soldier Killed

Mr and Mrs James Sampson, of 'Mellifont,' Rowson Street, New Brighton, have received information that their youngest son, Private James Francis Sampson, of the Liverpool Pals has been killed in action. Private Sampson, who was 21 years of age, was educated at Mount St. Mary's College, Chesterfield, and was formerly employed at the Victoria Street Branch of the Bank of Liverpool.

Captain Brinson, in a letter of sympathy, spoke of the deceased as "a splendid fellow, liked by everyone." A comrade in the Pals, Wilfred E. Wall, writes for the parents as follows:- "I want to write and tell you how sorry I and all his other friends here were to lose Jimmy. He was killed by a shell on the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup> and died immediately so that he did not suffer any pain. Two days before we were at Communion together so you will have the great consolation of knowing that he has gone straight to his reward. Out here he was marked as being particularly cool and brave under fire, and we have lost one of the best men in our platoon besides losing a real friend. You will feel happier, too, in the

knowledge that he has given his life for his country in perhaps the greatest battle in the world's history, and at the time when we are getting the mastery of our enemies. We have lost many others, but we shall ourselves go back into action prepared to make willingly the same sacrifice in the full knowledge that we are fighting for justice and that our efforts are blessed by Almighty God. In offering you my deepest sympathy in your loss, which is also mine, I ask you to remember me in your prayers."

#### References and Acknowledgments

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