

Surname	Sargent
Forename(s)	Henry Ward
Initials	H W
Age	35
Honours/Awards	
Date died	20/09/1917
Rank	Private
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	9 th Bn.
Service Number	44329
Cemetery/Memorial	Tyne Cot Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 61 to 63.
Further Information	Son of Thomas P. and Mary Sargent, of Edge Hill, Liverpool; husband of Mary Sargent, of 36, Clwyd St., New Brighton, Wallasey. Served 21 Years in Liverpool and Wallasey General Post Offices.
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Chronicle News

New Brighton Postman Killed

The sad intelligence has been received by Mrs. Sargent, of 36, Clwyd Street, New Brighton, that her husband, Private Henry Ward Sargent, of the Cheshire, was killed in action on September 20th. The deceased, who made the supreme sacrifice on the eve of his 35th birthday, was prior to the war a well-known and highly-respected postman at New Brighton, and he was also an old and popular member of the Rake Lane P.S.A. He joined the colours in June of last year, and went out to France in the following November. He had received an appointment to the Military Police at headquarters, which position would have rendered him practically immune from danger, but he volunteered to act as stretcher-bearer in connection with the police of his regiment, and it was while he was carrying out such duties that he lost his life.

Commanding Officer's Tribute

The deceased's commanding officer, in a letter of condolence to Mrs. Sargent writes:-

"It may be some slight consolation to you to know that your husband suffered little or no pain, as he died within a few minutes of being hit by a shell, and lies buried a short distance behind the firing line with several comrades. His death is a severe loss to us all, and to me personally, as I knew him very well indeed, and have always found him most keen and reliable in every way, so much so that I obtained for him a position on the police at headquarters.

"You will be consoled to know that he met a soldier's death in the execution pf his duty, carrying on in a most gallant way, as he did on all occasions. I sent his name in for distinguished conduct at the battle of Messines on June 7th, where he did most excellent work throughout a most trying days."

Another officer writes:-

"During the whole of the time that he had been with the battalion he had always done his duty well, and he will be missed by us all."

A provost sergeant's tribute contains the following:-

"During the short time that your husband had been with me I had always found him a very good man ... The regimental police join with me in an expression of great regret and sorrow at your sad bereavement."

References and Acknowledgments

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