

Surname	Smith
Forename	John Joseph
Initials	J J
Age	
Honours/Awards	
Date died	19/08/1917
Rank	Private
Regiment	Royal Warwickshire
Unit/Squadron	11 th Bn.
Service Number	28678
Cemetery/Memorial	Voormezelee Enclosure No.3
Grave Reference	XV.B.1.
Further Information	Second son of Mrs. F.A. Smith and of the late Mr. Richard W. Smith. 'The Farm', Limekiln Lane, Poulton. Enlisted in October 1915 and went to France in March 1917. Educated at the old Wallasey National School. Leaves a widower and a young boy.



News Report

A Jolly, Fine Soldier

The sad news has been received of the death in action on August 19 of Lance-Corpl. John Joseph Smith, of the Royal Warwicks, afterwards attached to the R.E. The brave soldier enlisted in October, 1915, and had been in France since last March. He was educated at the old Wallasey National School, and employed with the Anglo-American Oil Company. A widower, left with one little boy, he was the second son of Mrs. F.A. Smith, and of the late Mr. Richard W. Smith, "The Farm," Limekiln Lane, Poulton.

2nd Lieut. E.R. Jones writes:-

"I am writing on behalf of my section and myself to express our very deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement. He had not long been in my section, but

during that time he was liked by all. Again offering my deepest sympathy at your loss.”

Corpl. E.A. Cooper writes :- “I expect that by now you have received official notification of the death of your son, Lance-Corpl. J. Smith. I feel I must write you a few lines expressing my personal sympathy and that of the section to which he was attached. Your son was killed by a German shell on the night of August 19, death was instantaneously and painless. He had only been attached to us a few weeks, but all the section very much respected and liked him. He was a great help to me, and was absolutely fearless for doing his work. To put it briefly, he was a jolly fine fellow and a good soldier. May God comfort you and bless you all in your sorrow.”

References and Acknowledgments

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