

Surname	Varty
Forename(s)	John Gordon
Initials	J G
Age	22
Honours/Awards	
Date died	20/07/1915
Rank	Private
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	2 nd Bn.
Service Number	9525
Cemetery/Memorial	Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord
Grave Reference	I.C.110
Further Information	Son of Julie Varty, of 20, Burnaby St., Egremont, Wallasey, Cheshire, and the late John Wills Varty. Educated at Magazine Lane School.



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Chronicle News

For His Country

Deep regret has been occasioned in Egremont by the sad news of the death in France of Private John Gordon Varty, 2nd Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment, whose family are well-known in the neighbourhood. His widowed mother resides in Burnaby Street.

Private Varty, who was the grandson of Sergeant Gordon, a Crimean veteran, joined the Army some six years ago when only seventeen years of age. After serving two and a half years, he went with his battalion in India, and when war was declared twelve months ago they performed valuable service in the Far East before being sent to France. Here this young Egremont man saw something of the winter campaign, for on March 1st he returned to England suffering from frostbite. Having recovered, he went back to the trenches, and about the middle of May had the misfortune to be "gassed." He also recovered from this, and

again returned to the firing line, where he remained until July 18th, when he was shot through the neck, and died a short time afterwards.

The sad occurrence is referred to by Private Joyce, of New Brighton, who, writing to his mother in regard to Private Varty, says:-

“He got bagged by a sniper. The bullet went through his neck and came out the other side of his shoulder... I was awfully sorry. I had only been talking to him about five minutes before, and then I heard he had been hit. We were good chums, and everything he had to use to share with me, and me the same with him.”

Deceased's brother, Private Charles Varty, is serving with the South Lancashires.

References and Acknowledgments

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