

Surname	Webster
Forename	Thomas
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Age	20
Honours/Awards	
Date died	04/11/1918
Rank	Private
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	9 th Bn.
Service Number	62294
Cemetery/Memorial	Cross Roads Cemetery, Fontaine-Au-Bois
Grave Reference	I.H.1.
Further Information	Son of Mrs. A. Webster, of 11, Stonehouse Rd., Wallasey, Cheshire.



News Report

Killed In Action

(21st December, 1918)

The sad intelligence has been received that Pte. Thomas Webster, Cheshire Regt., has been killed in action. He enlisted in 1917, and was wounded after being three months in France. He was an old boy of St. George's Road Council School, and was employed by the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board. He was a son of Mrs. And the late Mr. Webster, 11, Stonehouse Road, Wallasey. One brother has been in Alder Hey Military Hospital, for 15 months, and another brother is in France.

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Killed By Shrapnel

(28th December, 1918)

The sad notification has been received that Pte. Thomas Webster, Cheshire Regt., was killed in action between Nov. 3-4. He was only 20 years of age, and

joined the colours in November, 1917. He was drafted to France where he served for three months, and was wounded by gunshot in the chest. He returned to France some six months ago. Previous to enlistment he was in the employ of the Mersey Dock and Dock Board. He was the son of Mrs. Webster, and of the late Mr. Webster, 11, Stonehouse Road, The Village, Wallasey.

Captain H.B. Young writes:- "Dear Mrs. Webster, - I am grieved to inform you that your son was killed in action on the night of the 3-4 November. His platoon was waiting to make an attack, and got a few shells amongst them. He was killed instantly. May God give you consolation in your great trouble. I am very sorry for you and you have my deepest sympathy."

Pte. Will Taylor, his chum, writes – "I have found out where Tommy was buried. It was in a place called Jenlain, a little village not far from Mons."

Another friend, Pte. W. Taylor, writes:- "I am very sorry I have got bad news to tell you. It is about your son Tommy, who has been killed in action. He had no pain, and died straight away. He was hit in the head with a piece of shrapnel, and I, with the same shell, in the leg, and my pal in the chest. I know it will be sad news, for you and I can tell you it is the same for me and his platoon, for we have been pals together since the 10th Cheshires broke up. All our platoon wish to be remembered to you in your sad trouble."

One of his brothers is at present in the Alder Hey Military Hospital, Knotty Ash, Liverpool, where he has been for fifteen months, and another brother is with the Forces in France.

References and Acknowledgments

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