

Surname	Whittle
Forename	John (Jack)
Initials	J
Age	
Honours/Awards	
Date died	24/10/1917
Rank	Private
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	15 th Bn.
Service Number	16543
Cemetery/Memorial	Tyne Cot Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 61 to 63.
Further Information	Son of Mr and Mrs Whittle. 8 Lancaster Avenue. Was a stretch bearer in Flanders. Killed by a shell retrieving wounded soldiers at Vimy Ridge, France. Mention on brothers gravestone at Wallasey Cemetery
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News Report

Killed While Tending Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. Whittle, of 8, Lancaster Avenue, Liscard, have received the sad tidings of the death of their son, Private Jack White, of the Cheshires. Captain Frost writes saying that the gallant young fellow was killed instantly by a shell while attending a wounded man. His work as a stretcher bearer, he adds, was absolutely beyond all praise, and a braver and more hard working man he never had in his company. The day he was killed he spent in bringing in the wounded, although under observation from the enemy, scarcely resting at all. The writer adds: "He was most popular among his men, and I am certain both officers and men feel his loss tremendously." Private J. Webster, of Mersey House, Wallasey Village, also writes to the parents a letter of sympathy on behalf of his comrades, saying that the deceased was "a brave man, a fine soldier, and feared nothing." Private Whittle was employed at the Gas Works before joining up in 1914. He

was home on leave suffering from trench fever, and went out again last May. He had taken part in most of the big battles.

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In Memoriam

(October 1919)

WHITTLE – In loving memory of Private Jack Whittle, 15th Cheshire Regiment, killed in action October 24th, 1917, aged 22 years.

Silently at night the stars are gleaming,

On a grave far over the sea,

Where they laid our dear son Jack,

Just one year ago today.

Torn from our hearts, Oh! How we miss him

Our loving son, kind and true;

In all our pain and silent suffering,

God alone has helped us through.

- Eldest son of Mr and Mrs George Whittle, 8 Lancaster Avenue, Liscard

References and Acknowledgments

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