

Surname	Gwilym
Forename	Williams
Initials	G P
Age	22
Honours/Awards	
Date died	17/05/1915
Rank	Rifleman
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	1 st /5 th Bn.
Service Number	2244
Cemetery/Memorial	Le Touret Memorial
Grave Reference	Panels 6 to 8.
Further Information	Son of Jarrett Lewis Williams, and Catherine Williams, of 26, Canterbury Rd., Wallasey, Cheshire.



Chronicle News

Killed By Bursting Shell

The sad news has reached Mr and Mrs J.L. Williams, of Cartref, Canterbury Road, Seacombe, that their third son, Lance-Corporal Gwilym P. Williams, has been killed in action on May 17th. Lance-Corporal Williams, who is best known locally as "Dim" Williams, was in the 5th King's (Liverpool) Regiment, and the news of his death was conveyed in a letter to Miss Williams, written by one of his comrades – Corporal R. Jones, Hawarden Avenue. In the letter, which is dated May 21st, the writer states:-

"You have, no, doubt, heard by now that "Dim" has passed away as a result of a German shell last Monday morning. We had just taken a number of prisoners to our trench, and your brother was just lifting a wounded Hun on to a stretcher when a shell burst and killed him outright, thus saving him from a death of agony which is very often the lot of anyone hit by a shell. We, his friends, send you our deepest sympathy in your hour of bereavement. He had been appointed a lance-corporal and was in my section where he was doing very good work. He was very

popular with all – officers and men – and he, with others, will be greatly missed from the battalion.”

The late Lance-Corporal Williams had been through Neuve Chapelle and Hill 60, and had thus had considerable experience. He would have been 22 years of age on Friday this week. At the outbreak of war he was engaged as a joiner on the Aquitania, but in response to his country’s call he joined the colours. He was a member of the congregation of the Welsh Presbyterian Church, Liscard Road. He was also secretary of the Seacombe Wesleyan Football Club, for which he had played for five years; and a member of the Wesleyan Tennis Club. His youngest brother, Richard G. Williams, 4th Cheshires happened to be at home on leave on Tuesday when the news of his death arrived.

Mr Williams’ second son (J. Llew. Williams) is in the 29th Vancouver Battalion, thus this patriotic family have contributed three men to the colours – a fine record. Great sympathy will be felt for the family at the loss of such a promising young man. The comfort, however, that can be derived is the thought that he died whilst performing an act of kindly humanity.

References and Acknowledgments

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