Surname	Bate
Forename(s)	Arthur Sefton
Initials	AS
Age	24
Honours/Awards	
Date died	03/07/1916
Rank	Sergeant
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	11 th Bn.
Service Number	16542
Cemetery/Memorial	Thiepval Memorial
Grave Reference	Pier and Face 3 C and 4 A.
Further Information	Son of Peter and Elizabeth Bate, of 7, Egbert Rd., Great
	Meols, Hoylake, Cheshire.

News Report

Old Wallaseyan Killed

Mr and Mrs Peter Bate, of 7, Egbert Road, Great Meols, Hoylake, have received official notification from the War Office that their son, Sergeant Arthur Sefton Bate, Cheshire Regiment, was killed in action on the 3rd July last. His captain in writing a letter of sympathy to his parents says :- "I had a great respect for your son, who was always keen to help, and as steady as a rock under the worst of shellfire."

The Sergeant-Major wrote saying:-

"Your son was given the important task of leading his platoon in the attack and his men who came back speak very highly of the splendid example he set and his indifference to danger. HE succeeded in advancing to within 30 yards of the enemy, when I am sorry to say, he was wounded in the head. There was no more popular man in the whole company with all ranks, and his exceptional coolness under fire has many times roused the admiration of his officers and comrades."

Sergeant Bate was educated at the Wallasey Grammar School, and ultimately entered into the service of the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., of Liverpool, where he was much respected by all his colleagues.

References and Acknowledgments

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