

Surname	Bell
Forename(s)	John Joseph
Initials	J J
Age	26
Honours/Awards	Distinguish Conduct Medal
Date died	07/07/1916
Rank	Sergeant
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	No. 3 Coy. 13th Bn.
Service Number	W/639
Cemetery/Memorial	Thievpal Memorial
Grave Reference	Pier and Face 3 C and 4 A.
Further Information	Resided with his wife at 8 Merton Road, Liscard. First Wallasey man In the Cheshire Regt. to be honoured with the D.C.M.



News Report

Liscard D.C.M. Killed

Official news has been received that Sergeant John J. Bell, D.C.M., was killed in action in July. Sergeant Bell, who was 25 years of age, was the first Wallasey man in the Cheshire Regiment to honoured with the D.C.M. One night his captain ventured out to have a look at the enemy barbed wire entanglements. Unhappily, he was observed by enemy snipers and was very badly wounded. Sergeant Bell immediately went out to the captain's aid and succeeded in carrying him to a disused enemy trench, where he attended to him. Afterwards Sergeant Bell managed to get back again with the wounded captain into their own trenches, taking him to the dressing station, where he died 36 hours after he had been wounded.

Sergeant Bell was well-known in Birkenhead, where he resided for many years. He leaves a wife, who resides at 8, Merton Road, Liscard, and a young baby boy

he had never seen.

References and Acknowledgments

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