

Surname	Goodyear
Forename(s)	Charles Frederick Richards
Initials	C F R
Age	19
Honours/Awards	
Date died	25/06/1918
Rank	Second Lieutenant
Regiment	Royal Air Force
Unit/Squadron	15 th Sqdn.
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille
Grave Reference	XIII. F. 35.
Further Information	Son of Frederick John and Ada Elizabeth Goodyear, of 56, King St., Wallasey, Cheshire.



News Report

Shot Down At Great Height

Second-Lieutenant Charles Frederick Richard Goodyear, R.A.F., has been missing since June 25th, and it is feared he has been killed. Capt. A.B. Mitchell, for the Commanding Officer, says: "The machine, in which 2nd Lieut. Goodyear was observing, was shot down at a great height by German aeroplanes, and there is little chance of his having reached the ground alive." Only 19½ years of age, the brave young officer was educated at Chester County School, and previous to joining up managed his father's gent's outfitting business. He was very popular with a large circle of friends, especially at the Y.M.C.A, Manor Road, and the Bible Class. HE was also a member of Kingsway Tennis Club. Much sympathy has been extended to Mr and Mrs F.J. Goodyear, King Street, Egremont, in the loss of their only son.

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“Fought To Death”

Died Like An English Officer

(June, 1919)

In our issue of July 13, 1918, we reported that 2nd Lieut. Charles Frederick Goodyear, Royal Air Force, had been missing since June 25 of the same year. It was feared he had been shot down while observing a great height by German aeroplanes/ Mr. F.J. Goodyear, of 46, King Street, Egremont, wrote to the Mayor of Sarralbe, Alsace and Lorraine, and has received the following letter from the commandment at Etaples:-

“Dear Sir, - Your letter has been handed over to me by the Mayor of Sarralbe. We have made several inquiries, and after cross-examinations, have found that your son was brought down near the railroad at Kalhouse. We went to the place, and talking with the schoolmaster learned the tragic fate your boy met with. Be sure that he behaved gallantry, he fought to death, his machine being attacked by two of the Huns chasing planes, was brought down out of control. ‘Killed In action,’ simply mentioned, but how true. Be proud of him, for he met with the hero’s death, and died as an English officer should die.

“Being a French officer I take the liberty to write you that I sympathise with you in your deep grievance, and take off my hat to you. The corpse has been laid in a board casing, and a wooden cross is on the grave, the latter being in the village cemetery. When we went down there, there were followers on the grave. Assuring you that I take deep part in your sorrow. More particulars would be given ny the schoolmaster at Kalhouse (Kalhausen), Lorraine.

“The fellow-partner of your son, 2nd Lieut. Sweet, of the R.A.F., has met with the same tragic fate.”

References and Acknowledgments

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