

Surname	Holland
Forename	Charles
Initials	C A
Age	26
Honours/Awards	
Date died	11/05/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	17 th Bn
Service Number	15775
Cemetery/Memorial	Cesisy-Gailly Military Cemetery
Grave Reference	II.D.3.
Further Information	Resided at 5 Rosebery Avenue, Egremont



News Report

Killed By A Shell

It is with regret that we announce the death of Private Charles A. Holland, King's Liverpool Regiment, of 5, Rosebery Avenue, Egremont, who was killed by a shell on May 11th. The young man, who was 26 years of age, was the son of the late Mr. John A. Holland, who was associated for many years with the editorial staff of the 'Birkenhead News' and afterwards with the 'Wallasey News,' succeeding the late Mr. G. Stansfield.

Mr. Charles Holland was trained in the Medical Officer of Health's Office at Wallasey, and left the town about four or five years ago to take up a lucrative post in South America. He was a cheerful young fellow, and was very popular with all who knew him. He was a cartoonist, and several of his drawings of local events appeared in the "News" from time to time. It was rather singular that the news of his death should be conveyed in a letter from Lieutenant E. W. Willmer, a nephew of the late Mr. Charles Willmer, editor of the 'Birkenhead News,' who held in the highest esteem and friendship the

father of the deceased. In his letter to Mrs. Holland, Lieutenant Willmer, after expressing his deepest sympathy “ in the loss of one of his best men,” he said :-

“Words fail me to express my sorrow. He was a favourite with all who met him and there was no one more popular among the men of the platoon; no one whose good qualities were so much appreciated as his. He was always willing to do anything to help anyone. He will be laid to rest in the little cemetery in the village.”

Another officer, writing to Mrs. Holland, said, :-

“Your son’s death will be keenly felt by myself and all the officers of this company. His skill as a draughtsman brought him into close contact with us. Daily we would go out making sketches of the trenches and we quickly learnt to appreciate his never falling cheerfulness and readiness to carry the work through. He was very popular in his platoon, where he will be greatly missed.”

The greatest sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Holland in her sad bereavement.

References and Acknowledgments

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