C	Dame
Surname	Parry
Forename	Owen
Initials	0
Age	
Honours/Awards	
Date died	30/07/1917
Rank	Master
Regiment	Mercantile Marine
Unit/Squadron	'Shimosa'
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Tower Hill Memorial
Grave Reference	
Further Information	Husband of Jane Parry of 17 Lumley Road, Egremont,
	Wallasey. Ship was torpedoed by a German U-boat. The
	force of the explosion was such that the stern was
	completely blown away and the ship sank within 2½
	minutes.
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News Report

Egremont Captain Lost

On Saturday morning, August 4, Mrs. Parry, of 17 Lumley Road, Egremont, was notified of the sad fate of her husband, Captain Owen Parry, late of Criccieth, whose ship was torpedoed on Monday, July 30, at 11 pm. The force of the explosion was such that the stern of the vessel was blown completely away, and she sank in 2½ minutes. Out of a personnel of 41, 17 are missing. No time was given to lower the boats or to signal for help, and the survivors, after being afloat on the wreckage for many hours, were eventually picked up by a passing patrol boat, and landed. Capt. Parry was last seen entering the chartroom, presumably for the ship's papers.

He was a brave and experienced mariner, and for the first two years of the war

had made several voyages in the submarine and mine infested areas. For several years prior to the war he was in the service of the Hall Line Co., and had command of the Crewe Hall and Haddon Hall.

Great sympathy is felt for his wife and daughter, and his death, glorious as it was, will nevertheless be mourned by warm friends on both sides of the Mersey, and especially his old shipmates on the Welsh coast. He had always a clear and high conception of duty, and was noble resolve to perform it at all risks. His name will find an honourable place in the roll of the country's bravest and best.

Two other Wallasey officers lost their lives in the sinking of the ship ------. Chief Officer J.K. Dinwoodie, of 32 Church Street, Egremont, and Chief Engineer Robert Major Anderson Moore, of 65, Liscard Road, Seacombe, who had resided in Wallasey for 25 years, and he was very well known.

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