

Surname	Pulford
Forename	Thomas George
Initials	T G
Age	20
Honours/Awards	
Date died	18/04/1917
Rank	Corporal
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	15 th Bn.
Service Number	W/236
Cemetery/Memorial	Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension
Grave Reference	III. K. 7.
Further Information	Son of Thomas Pulford, of The Cottage, Central Park, Wallasey, Cheshire, and the late Mary Pulford.



Chronicle News

Corporation Gardener Killed

Officer's High Tribute

Mr. Thomas Pulford, of the Cottage, Central Park, Liscard, has received news that his son, Corporal Thomas George Pulford, has been killed in action. Previous to enlistment, the deceased, who was twenty years of age, was employed by the Parks Committee of the Wallasey Corporation. He joined the Wallasey "Pals" at the outbreak of war when only 17 years of age, and was wounded at the Somme in July last, returning to France in January of this year.

The fallen soldier's commanding officer writes:-

"It is with the deepest regret that I write to inform you of the death of your son, who was in my company. He was standing in the trench when suddenly a shell fell right at his feet and killed him. You will take some consolation from the fact that he never knew anything about it at all, and never suffered in the least.

“He really was a fine fellow, and it was not many weeks ago that I realised his capabilities and gave him two stripes right away. The company-sergeant-major came up to me not two hours before his death and said to me. ‘Do you know, sir, that Corporal Pulford is an awfully good boy, and I would like to make him a sergeant.’

“Your son really was. Mr Pulford, one of my best N.C.O.’s, and I was certainly going to promote him on our going out of the trenches in a couple of days time.

“We gave him a very nice funeral, at which the padre presided. Again sympathising with you very deeply on the loss of a fine fellow.”

References and Acknowledgments

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