

Surname	Roberts
Forename	Arthur Howell
Initials	A H
Age	21
Honours/Awards	
Date died	20/10/1918
Rank	Second Lieutenant
Regiment	Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Unit/Squadron	5 th Bn.
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Bertry Communal Cemetery
Grave Reference	B.7
Further Information	Son of Thomas S. and Jane M. Roberts of 7 North Drive, Wallasey.



Chronicle News

Old Wallaseyan Killed

Mr and Mrs T.S. Roberts, of 7 North Drive, New Brighton have received notification of the death in action on October 20th of their only son, Second-Lieutenant Arthur Howell Roberts, Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He was 21 years of age and was educated at the Wallasey Grammar School and Skerry's College, Liverpool. In November 1916 he enlisted as a private in the R.W.F., and rose to the rank of corporal-instructor. About twelve months ago he went to France, and subsequently obtained a commission. On his return to France he was slightly wounded but did not get home to Blighty. He was killed two days after rejoining his unit. Lieutenant Roberts was formerly a member of the Welsh Presbyterian Church, where he sometimes presided at the organ. In business he was engaged with Messrs. Thomas & Co., of Liverpool, of which firm Mr Roberts, senr., is managing director.

A major of the R.W.F. in a letter to the deceased soldier's parents says:- "I wish

to convey to you and the family the sympathy of myself and the officers of this battalion upon the death of your son in action. He was killed in the big fight north of ----- on the 20th, which involved crossing a river and rushing a strongly-held railway embankment on the other side. I found his body close to a machine gun position on the railway which he had attacked with his platoon. The success of the operations we now make does absolutely depend on the gallantry and courage of boys like your son, who go without flinching against the enemy. I had not myself seen very much of your son before, but it is clear that he did very well in this fight, and sacrificed his life nobly. He was honourably buried by us in - ----- Cemetery.”

References and Acknowledgments

Commonwealth War Grave Commission
Wallasey Central Library – Reference Library

[back](#)