

Lieutenant J.T. (Harry) Stone M.M.
Cheshire Regiment

**MILITARY MEDALLIST'S
COMMISSION.**

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LIEUT. HARRY. STONE.

Corpl. Harry Stone, M.M., who won a commission for gallantry on the field, has passed successfully through his training, and has been gazetted a lieutenant. Prior to the war he worked at the Mersey Ironworks, Ellesmere Port. Early on he answered the call to arms, and he spent many months in the trenches in France, winning the Military Medal for bravery in action. His parents reside in Enfield-road, Ellesmere Port.

Corpl. Len Richmond, formerly in the accountancy department of the cement works, Ellesmere Port, who was in the Battle of the Somme, has also been given a commission.

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GALLANT ELLESMERE PORT MAN.



LIEUT. J. T. STONE.

A very interesting ceremony took place at the Mersey Ironworks on Thursday last, when Lieut. J. T. Stone, who, before he joined the forces, was employed in the works, was presented with a handsome silver cigarette case suitably inscribed as a token of his fellow workers' admiration of the honours he had won.

The general manager of the works (Mr. A. E. Nurse) made the presentation on behalf of the employees of the Mersey Ironworks. It was a pleasure, he said, to be associated with the occasion, as it was the first instance of an employee having risen from the ranks. It was a high honour which Lieut. Stone had won, and which was shared by his fellow workers, who had been delighted to have had the pleasure in contributing to the gift. Mr. Nurse assured Lieut. Stone of the great interest which the employees would take in his future welfare, and wished him a safe and speedy return from the war. He also congratulated Lieut. Stone in having won the Military Medal.

Mr. T. Percival, as directly representing the employees, joined in the sentiments of eulogy, and said that having worked side by side with Lieut. Stone, he felt particularly honoured in being able to show his appreciation of the honours which gallantry had conferred upon him. They all felt proud to know that one of themselves had risen from the ranks to become a British officer.

Lieut. Stone returned thanks, and said it was a great compliment to think and to know that his old workmates took so much interest in him. He could assure them that he appreciated what they had done.

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HEROES OF ELLESMERE PORT.

One Killed After being Recommended for the D.C.M.

Ellesmere Port has been adequately represented in the big advance in France, for in addition to the fatal casualties reported in our last Saturday's edition, namely, Privates Mounsey, Stanway, and Lock, further news has come to hand of the death in action of Private William Shore, the only married man of the number so far to die in the advance, who leaves behind a widow and three young children. The widow has received the sad news from her husband's brother, who in his letter says they were waiting for the word to go forward, "and when the Colonel waved the advance, Bill was first over the parapet, and, together with another local man named Venables, occupied a shell hole for a short time, and again they went forward. Bill had a few shots at the Germans while he knelt, and a bullet laid him low while in that position. He just clasped his hands and died like a hero." He was in the Wallasey "Pals" and had been recommended for the D.C.M.

Mr. J. M. Hudson, surveyor to the Ellesmere Port Council, has lost his third son in the recent push. Lance-Corporal Arthur Hudson, of the Cheshires, was killed on July 7th, a week after the attack was opened, and he died while in the act of charging the German trenches. The deceased was only 21 years of age, and was training for a local preacher in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church, of which he was a member. He was a Sunday school teacher, and preached occasionally at the Pooltown Chapel and the Heathfield-road Mission.

Corporal Harry Stone was wounded by a fall of earth which was disturbed by a German shell falling on the parapet. He was buried in the debris, and is now in Netley Hospital, suffering from paralysis. He says it was hell let loose, and while in hospital a word could not be better treated.

Private William Large has been wounded.

Private John Cheetham, a member of a fighting family, now lying wounded in a Middlesex hospital, says that when the British got to close quarters with the bayonet, the Boches cried "Mercy comrades," and "they gave them mercy." He says the German is a coward in a clear stand-up fight, and the Tommies gave them "allyman" with a vengeance.

Driver Sam Cheetham, a brother of the foregoing, who is with the artillery, in a letter to his mother says: "We are giving these sausage makers plenty of iron rations at present, and they won't want any more after this lot. He tried to kid