

ELLESMERE PORT WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

A number of men from Ellesmere Port also appear on other war memorials, especially those in the West Midlands, such as in Wolverhampton, Bilston, Dudley and Tipton, due to the relocation of the Wolverhampton Iron Works and staff just before the war. Family ties to their former home were obviously still very strong at the time, and a great many of the soldiers also enlisted in local regiments, such as the South Staffordshires. To avoid unnecessary duplication, the link below refers to work that has already been carried out by curators of websites covering such memorials, with full credit for their efforts. Their work is very much appreciated by the Ellesmere Port War Memorial Project.

Private 18205 William Charles Sandland

1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment Killed in Action 20 October 1916, Aged 33 Le Touret Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais



Sandland, William Charles

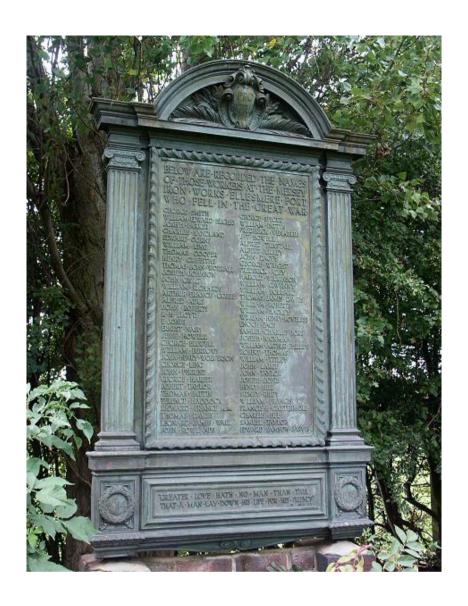
'An earnest soldier – Ellesmere Port Man Killed.'

Private William Sandland, a well known Ellesmere Port Man. A single man, age 32, he formerly worked at the Mersey ironworks in the milla and enlisted two years last October. Deceased had been in France 22 months and was wounded at Hill 60 by a bullet which went through his head.

Deceased resided in Exeter road, Second Lieut Chas W Warner has sent the follow letter to Mr Sandland.

'It is with very great regret that I have to communicate to you the sad news of your son's death. He was killed in action in the trenches on the night of the October 20th by the explosion of a bomb and death took place almost at once; he never regained consciousness. Arrangements have made for his burial in the local military cemetery.

Always an earnest soldier, a hard worker and popular in the battery; he will be much missed by us all.'



Visit here for more on the Mersey Iron Works Memorial

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For more on William Charles Sandland

Please see <u>Tipton Remembers</u>

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