

In Memory of

Captain

**A D Oliver**

5th/6th Bn., Manchester Regiment who died on 21 April 1917 Age 27

Son of Mr. A. Oliver, of 5, Faulkner Rd., Newport, Mon.

Remembered with Honour  
**Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery**



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# Captain Alfred Donald Oliver

## 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Manchester Regiment

Died: 21 April 1917

Age: 27

How Died: Died of Wounds

Country of burial: Belgium

Cemetery or Memorial: Lijssenthoek Cemetery, Poperinghe

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### Extra Information:

Born during the December quarter 1889 in the Newport, Monmouth R.D. - ref: 11a/198, the son of Alexander & Ellen Oliver (nee Hazell).

1891 Census - 5 Cardiff Road, St. Woollos, Newport, Monmouth. Son - aged: 1 - born: Newport. Head of household - Alexander Oliver - Married - aged: 38 - occ: Traveller in Drapery - born: Scotland. Also - Ellen Oliver - Wife - aged: 38 - born: Laycock, Wiltshire Plus 5 elder siblings, his maternal grandmother and 1 domestic servant.

1901 Census - 14 Clytha Park Road, Newport, Monmouthshire. Son - aged: 11 - born: Newport. Head of household - Alexander Oliver - Married - aged: 48 - occ: Commercial Traveller - born: Scotland. Also - Ellen Oliver - Wife - aged: 43 - born: Laycock, Wiltshire Plus 5 siblings and 2 domestic servants.

School Record (1) - he entered the Newport Intermediate School for Boys on the 26th January 1901 - leaving on the 22nd December 1904. Residing at "Glyn Clytha", Clytha Park, Newport. In April 1909 he was employed as a Warehouseman at 70 Cannon Street, Manchester.

1911 Census - Peter Jackson's Farm, Mobberley, Cheshire. Boarder - aged: 21 - occ: Salesman in Drapery Warehouse - born: Newport. His parents are now residing at 17 Oakfield Road, Newport. His father - Alexander Oliver - Married - aged: 57 - occ: Commercial Traveller (Drapery) - born: Lairg, Sutherlandshire. Also his mother - Ellen - Wife - aged: 53 - born: Laycock, Wiltshire. Plus 4 siblings and 1 domestic servant.

On the 3rd April 1913, he embarked at the port of Liverpool onto the S.S. Baltic sailing to New York. His final destination was Saskatchewan, Canada.

The ship's manifest states that he was a 23 year old Salesman from Manchester. His next of kin was Mr. A. Oliver, 17 Oakfield Road, Newport. The ship arrived at New York on the 13th April 1913. It is not know when he returned to the UK.

School Record (2) - he returned to the UK on the outbreak of War in 1914 and enlisted into the British Army on the 10th March 1915.

MIC - states that he was a Captain serving with the 6th Bn. Manchester Rgt and was posted to France on the 25th October 1916. His family contact is his mother, Barclays Bank House, Tredegar, Monmouthshire. (His father had died in 1922). It also states that he died of his wounds on the 24th April 1917, NOT the 21st as recorded by the CWGC, which is probably the more reliable source.

He died at the No.10 C.C.S. (Casualty Clearing Station), Abeele, Belgium. The Sister in charge of the CCS wrote to Alfred's sister informing her that Alfred had received a serious wound to his abdomen and was unconscious when admitted and died 15 minutes later. The nurse explains that he was buried in the military cemetery at Remy.

See Shaun McGuire's website:-

<http://www.newportsdead.shawnmcguire.co.uk/index.htm> Shaun has images of the local newspaper report of his death, plus a report from the Newport Intermediate School for Boys Directory and a photograph of St. Mark's P.C. War Memorial, Newport.

SDGW also states that he died on the 24/04/1917. The CWGC record is more likely to show the correct date.

M.I. - "He fought the good fight".

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### **Memorials found on:**

Altrincham United Reformed Church, Hale

St. Mark's P.C., Newport, Monmouthshire

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Name A. D. Oliver. Glyn Blytha, Blytha Park Reg. No. 402

Entered: 26. 9. 01 Left: 22. 12. 04

DATE.	CAREER.	ADDRESS.
1909 April	Warehouseman	70 Cannon St Manchester
1914 Feb.	Went abroad to Canada	(Postcard returned from Manchester with note "Gone abroad")
1914 Sep	Returned upon the outbreak of war	
1915 March	Serving in the Army entered service 10 <sup>th</sup> 1915. 6 <sup>th</sup> Buffs Manchester Regt.	
	Draining at Manchester, Southampton, Colford, Wilton (Remy), Owersby	
Oct 1916	Went to France	
April 1917	Capt in 6 <sup>th</sup> Buffs Manchester Regt.	5 Faulkner Rd
April 1917	Wounded in the abdomen, admitted to hospital Casualty clearing station, France, and died 4 hrs after admission. Buried in the military cemetery at Remy. Killed April 24 1917 ✓	

### Alfred's School Record from Newport Intermediate School

**LATE CAPT. A. D. OLIVER.**  
**Sympathetic Letters.**

The sister in charge of No. 10 casualty clearing station, France, has written to Miss Oliver, a sister of the late Captain A. D. Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Oliver, of 5, Fawcaker-road, Newport, stating that the gallant officer, who was wounded in the abdomen, only lived a quarter-of-an-hour after admission. He was quite unconscious when admitted. He was buried in the military cemetery at Remy. All the graves are carefully looked after, and after the war it will be quite easy to distinguish the grave, which is marked by a cross and the name of the regiment of the deceased officer. A similar letter has been received by Miss Oliver from Captain D. M. Salmon, Church of England chaplain, who says the poor fellow passed away just as he entered the ward. He adds: "I wish I could express my sympathy in words. God bless you and give you strength to bear this great sorrow. I know only too well what it means to people at home."

### Newport, Monmouth Newspaper Report



**Alfred's Grave at Lijssenthoek Cemetery, Poperinghe, Belgium**