

Surname	Clarke
Forename(s)	Alfred James
Initials	A J
Age	27
Honours/Awards	
Date died	11/05/1917
Rank	Lance Corporal
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	1 <sup>st</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
Service Number	240483
Cemetery/Memorial	Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 4 and 6.
Further Information	Son of James W. and Fanny Clarke, of 38, Park Rd., Wallasey; husband of Edna Blanche Clarke. Resided with his wife at 40 Brougham Road, Seacombe



#### News Report

##### Well-Known Local Footballer

(May 1917)

News has been received from his Captain that Lance-Corporal Alfred J. Clarke, of the Liverpool Rifles (K.L.R.) is wounded and missing, and is believed to have been killed in action on May 11<sup>th</sup>. He was in a bombing raid on the night of the 11<sup>th</sup>, and was known to have been hit by an enemy bomb, but owing to the severity of the fighting it was impossible to recover his body.

His Captain in writing to Mrs. Clarke says :- He was a splendid fellow, and much loved by his comrades. I feel his loss keenly."

Lance-Corporal Clarke was married in April, 1915, to Miss Edna B. Bulley, of 40, Brougham Raod, Egremont, and is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Wilson Clarke, of 38, Park Road, Seacombe. He was educated at the Wallasey

Grammar School, and will be recognised as the popular footballer who played for the Tower Amateurs and the Old Wallaseyans. He was on the staff of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co., and enlisted in the Liverpool Regt. a week after war was declared. He had been in France for 22 months, and was expected home shortly to receive a commission. Mrs. Alfred Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Clarke wish to thank all friends for their kind expression of sympathy in their great trouble.

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Reported Killed In Action

(March 1918)

As reported in the "Wallasey News," May 26, 1917, Lance-Corpl. Alfred James Clarke, Liverpool Rifles, was wounded and missing. He is now officially presumed killed in action on May 11, 1917. He was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Clarke, 38, Park Road and his wife resides at 40, Brougham Road, Seacombe.

References and Acknowledgments

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