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| Surname             | Gardner   |
| Forename            | Geoffrey  |
| Initials            | G   |
| Age                 | 19  |
| Honours/Awards      |   |
| Date died           | 26/03/1918  |
| Rank                | Private   |
| Regiment            | Durham Light Infantry   |
| Unit/Squadron       | 13 <sup>th</sup> Bn.  |
| Service Number      | 52954   |
| Cemetery/Memorial   | <a href="#">Wallasey (Rake Lane) Cemetery</a>   |
| Grave Reference     | 8. C. of E. 383.  |
| Further Information | Son of Maude Gardner, of 1, Churchill Grove, Wallasey, and the late Edgar Gardner. Noted as Gardner on Wallasey Memorial and CWGC but Gardiner in press release and gravestone. |



#### News Report

#### Wounded And Gassed

#### Military Funeral At Liscard

We regret to record the death of Pte. Geoffrey Gardiner, at the General Hospital, Nottingham, after an operation for abscess on the brain. He joined the Army Cyclists Corps in May, 1915, and was transferred to the Durham Regt., in 1916, and drafted to France in December of the same year. He was gassed in March, 1917, and in October was wounded by shrapnel in the head.

Only 19 years of age, he was educated at the Higher Elementary School, Vaughan Road, New Brighton, and was a member of the 7<sup>th</sup> Wallasey Scouts, and the Y.M.C.A. Much sympathy has been expressed for his widowed mother, who resides at 1 Churchill Grove, Egremont.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Rake Lane Cemetery, the coffin being borne on a gun carriage, draped with the Union Jack, and accompanied by a detachment of the Border Regiment. The body was carried to its last resting place by several of deceased's comrades. Prior to interment a service was conducted by the Rev. A.E. Simpson, at St. Mary's Church, Liscard, who also performed the last rites at the graveside.

Three volleys were fired over the grave, and a bugler sounded the "Last Post."

#### References and Acknowledgments

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