

Surname	Kemp
Forename	Walter
Initials	W
Age	23
Honours/Awards	
Date died	07/07/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	13 th Bn.
Service Number	W/507
Cemetery/Memorial	Thiepval Memorial
Grave Reference	Pier and Face 3 C and 4 A.
Further Information	Son of George and Elizabeth Kemp, of 16, Russell Rd., Wallasey, Cheshire.

Chronicle News

Wallasey Village Loss

Machine Gunner Killed

Another member of the Wallasey "Pals" to give up his life is Private Walter Kemp, the youngest son of Mr and Mrs George Kemp, of Wallasey Village. On the outbreak of war he left his employment at the Vale Brewery, Wallasey, and joined the "Pals," being attached to the machine gun section.

The sad tidings were conveyed in a letter from Sergt. George Griffin, who, writing to a friend, said:-

"I have just heard from Jim, who got it from an official source, that poor Walter Kemp has been found and buried respectfully near the battlefield where he so nobly laid down his life. Perhaps you will show my letter to Mrs. Kemp and tell how sorry we all are. It has cast a gloom over those that are left, for Walter was a fine sort, and was loved by all who knew him. It would perhaps be a small consolation for Mr and Mrs Kemp to know that he was buried with all military honours where he fell, and that he died doing his duty."

"A Dear And Sincere Chum"

Another friend, writing to the parents, says:-

"It is with deepest regret that I am writing to you in answer to your inquiring letter. I was not in the trenches myself, but I am sorry to say that only two out of his crew came safely through, and they saw poor Walter get hit, but they cannot tell me how he was killed. Poor Wallasey Village; what a blow it has had. I am sure nearly all the mothers and fathers must be out of their minds with anxiety and sorrow. I can assure you it was a great shock to me when I heard about poor Walter, my old and dear playmate, being killed. I have lost a very dear and sincere chum. I am sure that all that are left of the old Village lads join with me in sending you their very sincerest and deepest sympathy in your sad and great loss. I close in asking God to bless and comfort you in the sad loss of your dear

son, who died fighting nobly and bravely for God, home, and beauty."

References and Acknowledgments

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