

Surname	Kirby
Forename(s)	Alexander Wardlaw
Initials	A W
Age	20
Honours/Awards	
Date died	28/08/1918
Rank	Private
Regiment	Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Unit/Squadron	13 th Bn.
Service Number	70291
Cemetery/Memorial	Bapaume Post Military Cemetery, Albert
Grave Reference	I.A.17.
Further Information	Son of Margaret and the late James J. Kirby, of 34, Kingsley Rd., Wallasey, Cheshire.



News Report

Cinema Operator Killed

Pte. Alexander Wardlaw Kirby, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, was killed in action on August 23. HE joined the army on March 12, 1916, and had been eleven months in France. He was previously wounded in May last. Twenty-eight years of age, he received his education at Riverside Council School, and was formerly cinema operator at the [Kinema, Liscard Road](#). As a boy he was a noted swimmer. He was the fifth son of Mrs. Margaret Kirby, and of the late Mr. James Kirby, 34, Kingsley Road, Poulton. Three other sons and two son-in-laws are serving with the colours.

Capt. R. Edwards writes:- "Dear Mrs. Kirby,- It is with very great sorrow that I wish to offer you the deepest sympathy of the company and myself in your great loss. Your son, though he had not been with us long had shown us all his worth, and we all feel who knew him that we have lost a fine man and a splendid soldier. He never grumbled about anything, and was always happy and willing,

and invariably did his duty like a man. On patrol and at other times he did excellent work, in fact he was one of the best men we had. Your son was killed during the advance on August 23rd, in the early stages of the great attack which is still going on. He died doing his duty nobly as he had lived. Once more offering you our deepest sympathy,"

References and Acknowledgments

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