

Surname	McDonald [MacDonald]
Forename	Walter
Initials	W
Age	31
Honours/Awards	
Date died	09/04/1917
Rank	Private
Regiment	Canadian Infantry
Unit/Squadron	78 th Bn.
Service Number	875012
Cemetery/Memorial	Givenchy-en-Gohelle Canadian Cemetery
Grave Reference	F.6
Further Information	Son of Mrs. B MacDonald, 16 Geneva Rd, Seacombe, Wallasey; husband of Bertha MacDonald (nee Hopley) 32 Smithfield Ave. West Kildonan, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Moved to Wallasey about aged 7 from Liverpool. Was an apprenticed plumber; met Bertha who was a shop assistant who resided in Liscard. Enlisted in the army in March 1916. Killed at Vimy Ridge.
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<p>Chronicle News</p> <p><u>Fell In Big Advance</u></p> <p>News has come to hand of the death of still another Wallasey soldier in the big advance which was made on Easter Monday. We refer to Private Walter MacDonald, of the Canadian Contingent, who was the third son of Mr and Mrs MacDonald, of 16, Geneva Road, Seacombe. Educated at Somerville School under Mr Fullerton, he served his apprenticeship with the late Mr. W.S. Newton, plumber and decorator, of Demesne Street, Seacombe, and afterwards worked for Mr. John Bellis, of Manor Road, Liscard. He was formerly well known in local football circles. He emigrated ten years ago to Winnipeg, Canada, where he</p>	

leaves a widow to mourn his loss.

Comrades Letter

Private Ted Jackson, a comrade, writes to the bereaved mother as under:-

"Dear Mrs Macdonald, - it is with great sorrow that I write to let you know that your son, E. Macdonald, was killed on Easter Monday in the big Canadian advance, in which so many of our brave boys gave their lives. I feel very sorry that we should lose such a good pal. We used to sleep next to one another.

"I know it is hard for you to hear this news, but it is all for a good cause. I took a letter from his pocket, which I am sending back to you. I laid his body as comfortable as time would allow in No Man's Land, as the Germans were sending shells over. I have got a few small things, which I will see you get, if God spares me to come home safe. My home town is Warrington, which is not far from Liverpool. I have lost a brother-in-law in this war, so I know how much you will be upset. But cheer up; happy days are in store. Everything is done for the best. Good night and good luck.

References and Acknowledgments

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