

Surname	Rankine
Forename(s)	William Jeffrey
Initials	W J
Age	29
Honours/Awards	
Date died	04/10/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	Canadian Infantry
Unit/Squadron	27 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
Service Number	430697
Cemetery/Memorial	Boulogne Eastern Cemetery
Grave Reference	VIII.C.169
Further Information	Son of the late James Rankine, of 226, Poulton Rd., Wallasey, Cheshire, England.



#### News Report

#### Wallasey Canadian Killed

The sad intelligence has been received on the death of Private William Jeffrey Rankine, aged 29, who died from wounds received in action on October 4<sup>th</sup>, in the head, neck, chest, arm, and both legs. He had been farming for five years at Vaucouver, and joined the Canadian Regiment two years ago. He was for fourteen months in France. He is the eldest son of the late J. Rankine and Mrs Rankine, 236 Poulton Road, Wallasey.

The Rev. Robert Kelso, Presbyterian Chaplain, writes:-

Dear Mrs Rankine – I expect you will have heard by now of your son's death in the Canadian Hospital in the town. As the Presbyterian Chaplain who visited him during his time here. I feel I must say, how much I feel for you in your sorrow. You are but one of the many mothers who are called upon to make great sacrifice in these trying times, and I hope and pray that you may gain strength to bear up under a great strain. Your brave son has given his life for his country, and

such a sacrifice will not be lost, and will surely count for much in the eyes of our God. Who gave His Son for you and me. May I say that everything possible was done both by the doctors and nurses for your boy, and he passed away seemingly without much pain or suffering. I had some hope that he would recover, but unfortunately that was not realised, and he was called upon to pay the supreme sacrifice. He was buried with full military honours in the military cemetery here on October 6<sup>th</sup>, and the number of his grave is 4026. May God comfort and sustain you in the trying time.

#### References and Acknowledgments

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