

Surname	Spratt
Forename	Sidney
Initials	S
Age	19
Honours/Awards	
Date died	17/05/1919
Rank	Second Lieutenant
Regiment	Royal Air Force
Unit/Squadron	58 th Sqdn.
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Rome (Testaccio) Protestant Cemetery
Grave Reference	1564.
Further Information	Son of Henry and Sarah Spratt, of 217, Sea View Rd., Wallasey, Cheshire. Died whilst en-route from Paris to Egypt in a Handley-Page aircraft.



News Report

Distinguished Wallasey Airman

Killed At Rome Whilst Flying To Egypt

Lieutenant Sidney Spratt, Royal Air Force, in his 20th year, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Henry Spratt, 217 Seaview Road, Wallasey, has been killed as a result of a flying accident at Centocelle Rome. The intimation was conveyed to his parents in the following telegram:- "Deep regret to inform you that Lieut. S. Spratt, R.A.F., is reported to have been killed on May 17th in an aeroplane accident. The Air Council express their sympathy."

The young officer, only years of age, joined the Royal Air Force two years ago, and was attached to the 58th Squadron and qualified as a pilot some six months before the cessation of hostilities. He was in command of a Handley-Page machine on a flight from Paris to Egypt when he met his death, the circumstances surrounding which are not yet available. Lieut. Spratt was an all-round athlete, and before joining the Army was a prominent figure in local

cricket and football circles, a member of the Seacombe and Egremont Swimming Club, and a very popular sportsman. During his training in the R.A.F. he was elected captain of the Cadet cricket team at Oxford, and in France he piloted the Handley-Page aeroplane which conveyed the Army football team to and from Brussels and France for the semi-final contest. His loss in local athletic circles will be deeply felt.

References and Acknowledgments

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