

Surname	Stewart
Forename(s)	Leonard Gordon
Initials	L G
Age	24
Honours/Awards	
Date died	27/07/1917
Rank	Lance Corporal
Regiment	Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Unit/Squadron	15 th Bn.
Service Number	55992
Cemetery/Memorial	Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 22
Further Information	Son of Mrs. M. J. Stewart, of 34, Seafield Drive, Wallasey, Cheshire, and the late Rev. J. A. S. Stewart. Formerly a sergeant in the Denbighshire Yeomanry.



News Report

Minister's Son Killed

Leonard Gordon Stewart, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, whose death in action has just been intimated, at the age of 25 years, was a son of the late Rev. J.A.S. Stewart, a native of Castledawson, and for a long time the esteemed minister of Dervock Reformed Presbyterian Church. His mother, Mrs. Stewart, is now resident at 34, Seafield Road, New Brighton, and with her and the other relatives deep sympathy will be felt in their bereavement. The deceased young soldier was educated at Foyle College, and at the age of 16 commenced his professional career with the London and Lancashire Insurance Co., at their Liverpool offices remaining there until hostilities broke out. He had joined the Denbighshire Hussars (Yeomanry T.F.) about three years before the war, and after mobilisation was training men as a sergeant-musketry instructor until December of last year. On going overseas with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, he reverted according to regulations to the rank of private, and was soon promoted lance-corporal. It has

been his intention on attaining his second stripe to apply for a commission. A brother of the deceased Norman Stewart – is serving with the Liverpool Scottish as a Lewis gun instructor.

The deceased will be greatly missed by many in the Wallasey district, where he was held in high esteem. In the home he was a devoted, thoughtful son and brother. In athletic circles he was a member of the New Brighton Boating and Rugby Football Club. With the other members of his family he attended Ennerdale Road Presbyterian Church of England, acting there in pre-war days as Sunday School secretary. At the morning service on August 12th the minister (Rev. Henry Martin, M.A.), paid a tribute to his life and sacrifice and at the close of the service the “Dead March” was played. Much sympathy is felt in the congregation and elsewhere for the widowed mother and other relatives. “Clean of limb and eye, and soul,” as the minister described him, such lives sacrificed should make life sacred for us all.

References and Acknowledgments

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