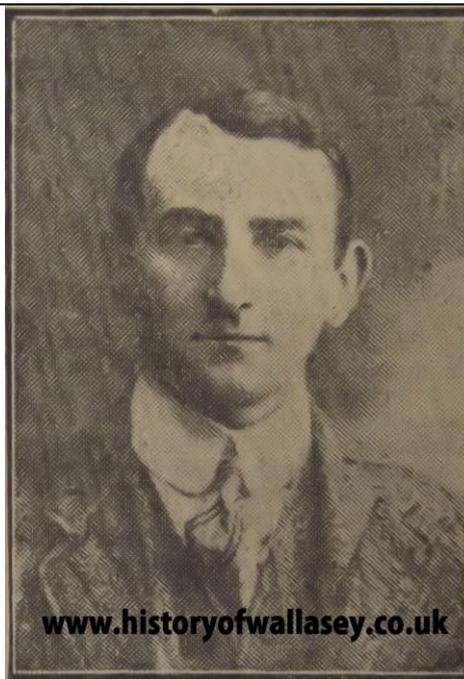


Surname	Wainwright
Forename	Harold
Initials	H
Age	29
Honours/Awards	
Date died	30/10/1915
Rank	Lance Corporal
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	13h Bn.
Service Number	270
Cemetery/Memorial	Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord
Grave Reference	I. F. 182.
Further Information	Son of Henry and Agnes Martha Wainwright, of 7, Parker St., Liverpool. Native of New Brighton, Wallasey, Cheshire.



News Report

Fate Of An "Old Wallaseyan"

A wide circle of people in Birkenhead, Wallasey and Liverpool, will feel keen regret on learning of the death in action in France of Lance-Corporal Harold Wainwright of the 13th Cheshires (Wallasey "Pals"). on Saturday, October 30th. He was engaged in bomb-throwing in the front line trenches, and putting his head above the parapet to see the better he was shot in the neck by a German sniper. He was removed to a hospital in the rear by ambulance, but died five minutes after arrival there.

He was 29 years of age, and was elder son of Mr. Henry Wainwright, of 23, Shrewsbury Road, Oxten, Birkenhead, a former well-known resident in Wallasey and prominent jeweller in Liverpool. HE received his education at Wallasey Grammar School, and entered his father's firm, Messrs. Wainwright and Sons, 7, Parker Street, Liverpool. He was of a retiring disposition, and outside his business

activities his chief interests were in reading and country rambling.

His father was received from Lieutenant-Colonel J.A. Field, in command of the 13th, the following message :-

"I am writing to tender my sincere sympathy and that of all ranks in the regiment for the death in action of your son Harold Wainwright, the news of which it is my sad duty to convey to you.

"I trust that you and your family may find consolation in the knowledge that your son died for his country, than which no end of any life can be more noble. His company of the regiment mourn his loss.

"He was a fine lad and certain if promotion in the near future. From first to last he did his best in whatever duty came to hand - a good and keen soldier."

Lance-Corporal Wainwright enlisted at the outbreak of war, and had been at the front about six weeks prior to his death, having come home for his final leave early in September last. A pathetic feature of the case was that on the morning of the same day he was killed he wrote a most cheerful letter home, and in that very letter he mentioned that he was to go on bomb-throwing that afternoon; and then he went on to speak of the possibilities of leave home in the near future.

References and Acknowledgments

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