

Surname	Boyland
Forename(s)	Columba Desmond
Initials	C D
Age	19
Honours/Awards	
Date died	03/03/1917
Rank	Aircraft 1 <sup>st</sup> Class
Regiment	Royal Naval Air Service
Unit/Squadron	(Killingholme Station). H.M.S. "President II."
Service Number	F/4331
Cemetery/Memorial	<a href="#">Wallasey (Rake Lane) Cemetery</a>
Grave Reference	9. R.C. 73.
Further Information	Son of Joseph and Catherine Boyland. Born at Wallasey.



#### News Report

Mr. Columba Desmond Boyland, of the Royal Naval Air Service, was drowned on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, while on active service. He joined the air service two years ago when only 17 years of age. He is the son of Mrs. Boyland, of 70, Serpentine Road, whose husband [[Joseph Boyland](#)] died on active service in June, 1915. The deceased officer was educated at Xavier's Collage, Liverpool.

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#### Wallasey Airman Drowned

On Tuesday, the body of Columba Desmond Boyland, A.M.(I) G.L., of the Royal Naval Service, was washed ashore at Killingholme in the Humber aster being missing a month. The young airman, who was 19 years of age, was the son of Mrs. Boyland, of 70, Serpentine Road, Liscard. He had been in the service for nearly two years, and had been employed on defence stations on the East Coast. The accident occurred when Boyland and another officer were working

on a jetty, both being thrown in to the water. A strong current was running and the officer narrowly escaped death in trying to effect a rescue. The remains were brought to Liscard yesterday (Friday) and a Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St. Alban's, Liscard, at 10 a.m. on Monday, prior to the interment at Rake Lane Cemetery.

#### References and Acknowledgments

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