

Surname	Norcliffe
Forename(s)	William Wood
Initials	W W
Age	22
Honours/Awards	
Date died	30/07/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	17 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
Service Number	15282
Cemetery/Memorial	Thiepval Memorial
Grave Reference	Pier and Face 1 D 8 B and 8 C.
Further Information	Son of Janet Norcliffie, of 24, Oxton Rd., Wallasey, Cheshire, and the late Henry Norcliffe. Educated at Wallasey Grammar School. Member of the Liscard Cricket Club and attended St. Nicholas Church.



#### News Report

##### Old Grammar School Boy Killed

Private William Norcliffe, of the Liverpool Pals, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Norcliffe, of 24, Oxton Road, Poulton, was killed in action on July 30<sup>th</sup>. He was educated at the Wallasey Grammar School, and afterwards entered the White Star Office. He was a member of the Liscard Cricket Club, and attended St. Nicholas' Church, Wallasey. A friend in the same company writing to the parents say:-

"It is with heartfelt sorrow that I have to inform you of the death of your dear son, who was killed in action on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. We had advanced that morning in accordance with orders, and it was a few hours after we had reached our new position that poor Will was hit by a bullet. I need hardly tell you how keenly his loss is felt out here, where he loved by everybody with whom he came in contact, and especially do I, who regarded him as one of my nearest and

dearest friends, miss him. Our hearts go out in sympathy with you over your irreparable loss, but we fervently hope in the midst of your sorrow you may seek some consolation (poor though this may seem compared with the sacrifice), that Will died nobly doing his duty. I am sure it will be some relief to you to know that poor Will suffered no pain, his death being instantaneous.”

#### References and Acknowledgments

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