
Private William Wallace

9th Battalion Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)

Service No: s / 4785

Born / Resided

Coatbridge / 1c Barrowfield St, Coatbridge

Died

Died 16/09/1915 from bullet wound to the side / shock

Enlisted

Girvan, Ayrshire

Employed

Caledonian Railway Company

Age

25

Buried / Remembered

Noeux-les-Mines Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

Family Information

Son of Mr and Mrs Robert Wallace of 1c Barrowfield St, Coatbridge. Williams brother Private John Wallace of the 2nd Battalion Highland Light Infantry was Killed in Action on the 03/10/1915 (see index)

Additional Information

William was hit by a German bullet in the side when out with a work party on the 15/09/1915. His wound was not seen as being serious with his Doctor stating he died from shock the following day. See newspaper clipping for a letter sent home to his parents from his friend and fellow Coatbridge Soldier Sergeant A S L Gillespie of 205 Dundyvan Rd who also attended Williams funeral. William is listed as BANDSMAN on the Memorial



Likeness

Date	Origin	Rank	English RA
	R. Highls	P6	5/4185
WALLACE			
William			
Medal	Serial	Page	Remarks
Yarwood	G/102B6	313	Died 16.9.15
Exton	oo	oo	
15 Stars	G/3B7	B574	
Number of War Medals in			
1 France			
Date of entry service 14.7.15			

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DEATH OF PRIVATE WM. WALLACE.

Official information has reached Coatbridge that Private William Wallace (4785), 9th Black Watch, 1c Barrowfield Street, Coatbridge, who was wounded on 16th September, in France, died on the 17th September. Deceased, who was well-known and highly respected in the town, was in the employment of the Caledonian Railway Company.

Sergt. A. S. L. Gillespie, whose home address is 205 Dundyvan Road, writing to Mr and Mrs Wallace from France, says—Dear Friends—You will be surprised at the receipt of this letter, but it has fallen to me to inform you of an unfortunate accident which has befallen your son, William. When out with a work party he was unfortunate to be shot with a German bullet in the side about 9.30 p.m. last night (Wednesday, 15/9/15). He was dressed and immediately removed to Hospital. On enquiry at 6.30 a.m. he was as well as could be expected, and at 7.30 a.m. he changed a little, and a guide was put over him as they saw the change working, and I am very sorry to say he passed away at 8.50 a.m. to-day, 16/9/15. His end was very peaceful, and had very little pain. It came as a terrible shock to us all as his wound was looked upon as very slight by all who saw it, but the Doctor said his death was caused by shock. William was looked upon as the most cheerful fellow in the platoon, and a chap who always looked upon duty first then pleasure. I cannot express my feelings to you as he was my "pal" and companion, and I send you my deepest sympathy in behalf of the men in the platoon and myself, and trust you will bear this blow as best you can as he died a soldier's death—"True Till Death." With a party of 5 men, 1 officer, and the chaplain, including myself, we laid him to rest at 4 p.m. to-day in the British portion of a cemetery in —, France. With sincere and deepest sympathy to both of you in your sad bereavement.

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