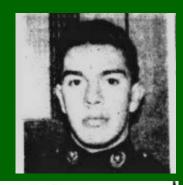
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Corporal Edward McGrath,

45 Commando RM

Killed in action 3 September 1964 aged 24.

Radfan Mountains.



FIGHTING REBELS NEAR ADEN

Seven Years' Service SECOND TOUR

A Liverpool man, Marine Commando Corporal Edward McGrath, aged 24, was killed in a clash with rebel tribesmen in the Radfan area of South Arabia on Thursday.

He was buried in Aden yesterday.

Corporal McGrath, who was a member of 45 Commando Royal Marines, lived at 27b Portland Gardens, Portland Street, Kirkdale.

His mother, Mrs. Josephine McGrath, a widow, said to-day: "Eddie was a lovely lad and everybody in this neighbourhood liked him. He love the life and was in his seventh year with the Marines."

FIRM CLOSED

Educated at Our Lady's Roman Catholic School in Eldon Street, Liverpool, Corporal McGrath was an apprentice joiner before he joined the Marines.

"But the firm Eddie worked for, a small one, closed down and when Eddie finished work on the Friday evening he joined up the next morning," said Mrs. McGrath. "He said he didn't want to be hanging around street corners."

Corporal McGrath was the youngest of four children. His father died five years ago.

18 MONTHS

The family have lived at Portland Gardens for 15 years and before that their home was in Beacon Street, Kirkdale, where Corporal McGrath was born.

This was the second time he had been serving in South Arabia. He was previously there for 18 months, returning to this country at the beginning of last year.

During his military career he has served in Malta, Norway and North Africa.