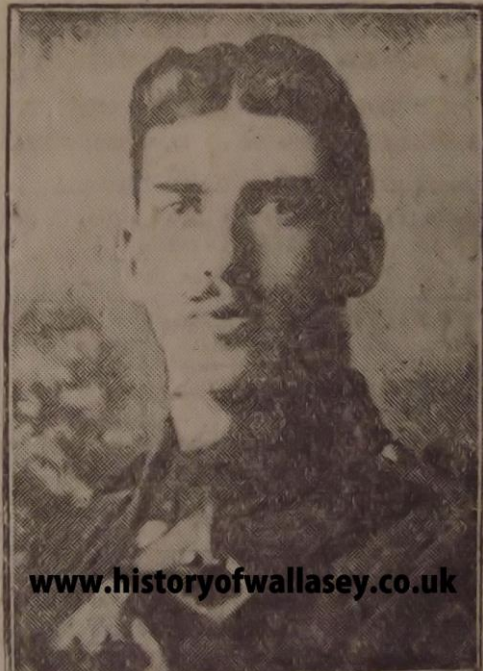


Surname	Copeland
Forename	Gordon
Initials	G
Age	23
Honours/Awards	
Date died	08/10/1918
Rank	Sergeant
Regiment	19th (Queen Alexandra's Own Royal) Hussars
Unit/Squadron	
Service Number	9690
Cemetery/Memorial	Busigny Communal Cemetery Extension
Grave Reference	II.B.40.
Further Information	Resided at 8, Sandfield Road, New Brighton
	 <p>A black and white portrait of a young man, identified as Sergeant Gordon Copeland. He has dark, wavy hair and is wearing a dark military uniform with a high collar. The portrait is set within a rectangular frame. At the bottom of the frame, the text 'www.historyofwallasey.co.uk' is visible.</p>

News Report

Died Leading His Men

Mrs C. Copeland, of 8, Sandfield Road, New Brighton, has been notified of the sad news that her son Sergeant Gordon Copeland, of the A.O.R., has been killed in action. He was in his 24th year, and joined up before the war broke out. He was formerly employed in the Co-Operative Stores, Liverpool.

Captain Guy T. Hanmer, Adjutant, 19th Royal Hussars, writes:- "Mrs Copeland, -- Madam – It is with the greatest regret that I have to inform you that Sergeant Gordon Copeland, 9690, was killed under circumstances of the greatest bravery and courage, whilst leading his troops against a field battery, which was supported strongly by machine guns. He was buried in an orchard of a farm, near where he was killed, by night, by the infantry who relieved us, as it was impossible for us to get him by daylight, which we tried to do, but where frustrated time and again. I have personally visited his grave since the action, with my Commanding Officer, and am having made a cross for him and the other gallant officers and men who fell with him. His loss is greatly felt with

him. His loss is greatly felt by all his comrades, and by his officers, who could always place the most implicit trust, and confidence in this very gallant non-commissioned officer.”

References and Acknowledgments

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