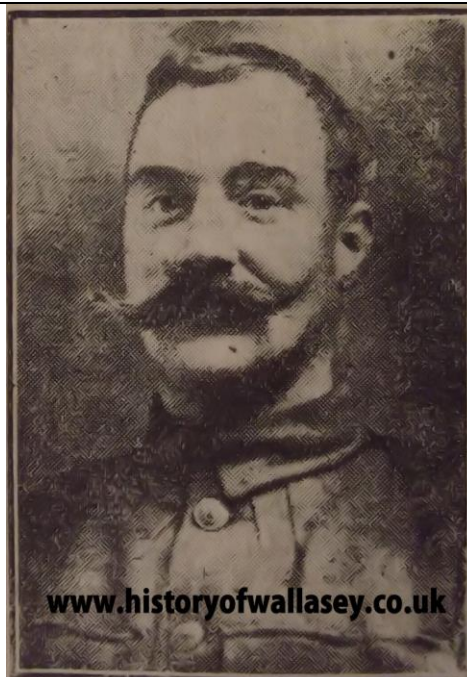


Surname	Croman
Forename(s)	William James
Initials	W J
Age	38
Honours/Awards	
Date died	28/09/1918
Rank	Lance Corporal
Regiment	London Regiment
Unit/Squadron	2 <sup>nd</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
Service Number	571685
Cemetery/Memorial	Dranoutre Military Cemetery
Grave Reference	III.A.8.
Further Information	Son of Joseph and Mary Ann Croman; husband of Eliza Croman, of 17, Pelling St., Limehouse, London. Native of Wallasey, Cheshire.



#### News Report

##### Shot By A Sniper

The sad information has been received by Mr and Mrs J. Croman, of 16, Sherlock Lane, Poulton, that their son, Lance-Corporal William James Croman, London Regt., was killed in action by a sniper on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. He was over 37 years of age, and joined the colours early in 1915, and was specially trained as a bomber. He was for some years previous to the outbreak of war in the Cheshire Volunteer Engineers. He was drafted to France, and had also seen service in Salonika, Egypt, and Palestine. He was slightly wounded near Jerusalem, and after recruiting his health in Cairo Military Hospital was sent to France. He came home on leave after two years' absence, and was up the line in France on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, when he met his untimely death. The gallant soldier was educated at Holy Trinity School, Birkenhead, and formerly employed as fitter at the Commercial Gas Co., London. Two other sons joined the Army, one being killed in July of last year [[Arthur Croman](#)], and the other son is in

Mesopotamia.

Captain H.S. Moser, writing to his wife who resides with her two children in London says:- "It is with the deepest sympathy that I have to write to tell you that your husband, Lance-Corpl. Croman, was killed in action on the morning of Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. It was during one of our advances, and I cannot speak too highly of your husband's admirable conduct, His section was being held up by a machine gun and a sniper, who was causing considerable trouble with his section. He managed to kill five or six of the enemy, and whilst trying personally to locate the sniper he was shot and killed instantaneously. Your husband was always one of the most popular and best men in the company, and always did his duty like a true Britisher."

#### References and Acknowledgments

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