

Surname	Davies
Forename	David (Davie) Owen
Initials	D O
Age	19
Honours/Awards	
Date died	11/11/1917
Rank	Wireless Operator
Regiment	Mercantile Marine
Unit/Squadron	
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Wallasey (Rake Lane) Cemetery
Grave Reference	
Further Information	Son of Mr and Mrs. A.O Davies, of 'The Hollies', Marlowe Road, Wallasey, Cheshire. Educated at Wallasey Grammar School. Treasurer of <a href="#">Marlowe Congregational Church</a> Sunday School.
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#### News Report

##### Gallant Marconi Operator

Wide-spread sympathy has been extended to Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Davies, 'The Hollies', Marlowe Road, Wallasey, by the sad bereavement they have sustained in the loss of their only son, David Owen Davies, who was drowned through a collision at sea on November 11<sup>th</sup>. "Davie," as he was more familiar known, was only 19 years of age and of an exceedingly bright and lovable disposition, was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. He was born in Wallasey and received his education at the Grammar School. He was intended for a commercial career, but some few months ago he gave up a promising position and went to the Marconi School, and with high qualifications passed into the service of one of the largest steamship companies in Liverpool, in pursuit of his calling as a Marconi operator. Young 'Davie,' in addition to being a musician of high attainments, was the treasurer of Marlowe Congregational Church Sunday

School. His parents have received many letters expressing deepest sympathy for a life that has been so suddenly cut off.

A report of his conduct in one letter says:- "He returned at the last moment at imminent risk to his cabin to send the 'abandoned ship's' message, and after he had taken his seat in the boat he had not the fortune to be saved. Considering the service on the s.s -----, we feel you may consider that his life was directly given for his country."

The Marconi Company writes:- "We beg to convey our sincere sympathy in the loss of one who carried out his duties so satisfactorily, and who was so well-loved by all with whom he came in contact. Although your loss is irreparable, we feel sure that notwithstanding the comfort may be slight, you will be proud to feel that your son gave his life for his country, equally as bravely as the number of young men who have given their lives in actual combatant service."

#### References and Acknowledgments

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