

Surname	Diamond
Forename	Herbert
Initials	H
Age	28
Honours/Awards	
Date died	18/05/1915
Rank	Private
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	1 st Bn.
Service Number	9643
Cemetery/Memorial	Cabaret –Rouge-British Cemetery, Souchez
Grave Reference	XVI. E. 5.6
Further Information	Eldest son of Mr and Mrs George William Diamond of 7 Leopold Street, Seacombe, Wallasey.



Chronicle News

Seacombe Soldier Killed

By the return of his soldier's small book, photos, and one or two other treasured possessions, the parents of Herbert Diamond, 1st King's (Liverpool) Regiment have learned that he had been killed – otherwise they have received no official intimation. On the envelope containing these articles appear these sad and significant words: "Deceased man's effects." Thus the message of death was conveyed.

The deceased soldier was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs George William Diamond, 7, Leopold Street, Seacombe, and great sympathy will be felt for them in the great loss they have sustained. Their son was in his twenty-eighth year and he had hoped to be to be married in August. He was born in Birkenhead and joined the 1st King's (Liverpool) Regiment at the age of nineteen years. At the outbreak of war he was in the Army Reserve, having already been seven years in the Army, and having served in India. It was while in India that on October 2nd, 1910 he was admitted a member of the Star of India Lodge, Grand Lodge of India, International of Good Templars, the Fidelity Degree being conferred upon

him on April 21st, 1911, at Lahore, and the District Degree at the same place on July 6th, 1911.

He was also a member of the Soldiers' Christian Association, which he joined at Lahore on June 28th, 1911; and of the Seacombe Wesleyan P.S.A., and the Salvation Army Naval and Military League. In India he had shown his capability as a preacher. Thus it is clear he was not only a soldier but a Christian man who lived a good and useful life. He had taken part in ambulance work, and during the war the knowledge came in handy when he took his turn as a stretcher-bearer. In the course of his last letter on May 14th he stated:-

"I do not want to boast, but I have been nearly three months without a wash and shave, and without a hot meal. Things are much better now as we go on. I am thinking it is about time England woke up. She has been living in a kind of trance this nine months. I am hoping the blow she is making now will bring on an early peace."

Such is the call to England in the last letter of a gallant Seacombe soldier.

References and Acknowledgments

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