

Surname	Earnshaw
Forename	Thomas
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Age	25
Honours/Awards	
Date died	21/09/1916
Rank	Lance Corporal
Regiment	Grenadier Guards
Unit/Squadron	1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.
Service Number	18600
Cemetery/Memorial	St. Sever Cemetery Rouen
Grave Reference	B. 17. 40
Further Information	Husband of Ada Earnshaw, of 25 Bell Road, Seacombe.



#### News Report

##### Seacombe Corporal Killed

Mrs Ada Earnshaw, of 25, Bell Road, Seacombe, has been informed of the death of her husband, Lance Corporal Thomas Earnshaw, 25, of the Grenadier Guards, which resulted from wounds received in the recent charge of the Guards. The corporal joined the Colours shortly after the outbreak of war and had been through several big engagements, taking part in the advance at Loos, Festubert, and Givenchy. He had buried four times in the course of a single day during a heavy bombardment, but was fortunate in escaping with his life, though he has twice been in hospital with shell-shock. He was last in hospital on September 10<sup>th</sup> for five days, but was in action again on September 15<sup>th</sup> and died of wounds on September 15<sup>th</sup> and died of wounds on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

##### Chaplain's Sympathetic Letter

Writing to Mrs Earnshaw, under date September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the chaplain said :  
 "I am very sorry for you in your heavy bombardment. Your dear husband was more severely wounded than was conceived at first, and gradually sank before

the shock of his injuries. Everything possible was done for him. I saw him regularly and can speak for the care that was shown to him. He told me everyone was kind to him. He was bright and cheerful right up to the end. At first he thought he would get well, but he gradually became weaker. We had prayed together, and he put his 'trust in God'. He was buried to-day with full military honours in a pretty cemetery with many of his comrades who hae made the great sacrifice."

#### References and Acknowledgments

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