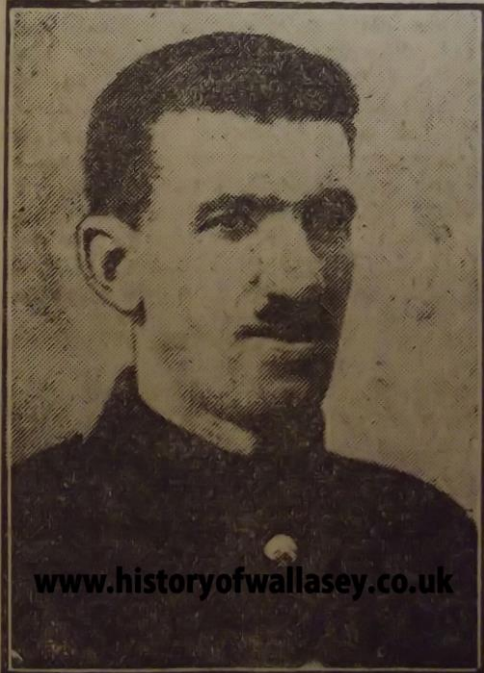


Surname	Humphreys
Forename(s)	Owen Thomas
Initials	O T
Age	26
Honours/Awards	
Date died	08/02/1918
Rank	Private
Regiment	London Regiment
Unit/Squadron	1 st /20 th Bn.
Service Number	633127
Cemetery/Memorial	Ribecourt British Cemetery
Grave Reference	II.C.14.
Further Information	Eldest son of Mrs Eliza Humphreys and of the late Mr. E. Humphreys, Chapel House. Liscard Road, Wallasey
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News Report

Seacombe Soldier Killed

Another name has been added to the long list of Wallasey's brave men who have paid the supreme sacrifice. Private Owen Thomas Humphreys, London Regt., has been killed in action. He was 26 years of age, joined the colours in November, 1915, and had been over 18 months in France. He was educated at Somerville Council Schools, followed the occupation of a grocer, and was a member of the Welsh (C.M.) Church, Liscard Road, Seacombe. He was the eldest son of Mr. E. Humphreys, Chapel House, Liscard Road.

Capt. Maurice E. Crossland writes under date February 9th:-Dear Mrs. Humphreys. – It is with the deepest regret that I have to write and inform you of your son's death. Private O.T. Humphreys. A shell burst in the dugout in the front line in which he was sheltering, and although the stretcher-bearer was on the spot almost immediately, no assistance could be given because he had been killed instantaneously. His body was taken back, and he is now buried a

mile or so behind the line. A cross will be put up to mark the spot as soon as it can be made. Please accept my deepest sympathy, Mrs. Humphreys, and that of the other officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the company. We know what a painful blow it must be to you, having only recently lost another son. I only hope you will be able to bear up under your sorrow – try to look upon it in the light that he is just one more of England's heroes who has given up his life for his dear old country. He was a fine fellow, and only two days ago had given great satisfactory by his work when out on a night patrol with some of the officers. We shall all miss him. With deepest sympathy.”

Mrs. Humphreys' second son was killed in action in May, 1917, and her third son is with the Army at Jerusalem.

References and Acknowledgments

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