

Surname	Lancaster
Forename(s)	Frederick Charles
Initials	F C
Age	21
Honours/Awards	
Date died	06/05/1915
Rank	Leading Seaman
Regiment	Royal Naval Volunteer
Unit/Squadron	Anson Bn. R.N. Div.
Service Number	Mersey 5/125
Cemetery/Memorial	Helles Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 8 to 15.
Further Information	Son of Mr. F. H. and Jessie M. Lancaster, of 22, Laburnum Rd., Wallasey, Cheshire.



Chronicle News

Dardanelles Hero

Intimation has been received that Leading-Seaman Fred C. Lancaster, R.N.V.R., Royal Naval Division, eldest son of Mr and MRs Lancaster, 22, Laburnum Road, Upper Brighton, was killed in action on May 6th near the Dardanelles. He joined the Naval Volunteers two years before the war, and had proved such a keen member that when hostilities began he was promoted to the rank of leading seaman. He was an engineer apprentice at Messrs. Cammel Laird's, and had been educated at the Vaughan Road School and the Higher Elementary School.

Officers Tribute

Writing to Mr. Lancaster, Lieut. J.C. Spencer Warwick, R.N.V.R., thus conveyed the sad news of Leading-Seaman Lancaster's death:-

"Dear Mr. Lancaster, - It is with great regret that I write to tell you of your brave

son's death. He was killed outright during an attack on May 6th. His courage was a magnificent example in every way, and assure you he is a great loss to me. He was one of my leading seamen, and he has always been a great help in training the company.

"As I write this we are being shelled by the enemy. I found your boy's body where he had fallen, and I buried him with his head facing the enemy. As I was under fire at the time I was unable to have a proper burial service, but will do so as soon as I can. I must ask you now to be brave in this great loss you have sustained, especially when you think of the cause for which your son died."

References and Acknowledgments

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