

Surname	Palmer
Forename(s)	Edwin Thomas
Initials	E T
Age	29
Honours/Awards	
Date died	09/04/1918
Rank	Gunner
Regiment	Royal Field Artillery
Unit/Squadron	285 th Bde.
Service Number	676167
Cemetery/Memorial	Ploegsteert Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 1.
Further Information	Son of Edwin and Martha Palmer, of The Maples, Moreton, Cheshire; husband of Janie Palmer, of 63, Liscard Rd., Wallasey.



News Report

Wallasey Draper Killed

The sad news has been received that Gunner Edwin Thomas Palmer, R.F.A., was killed in action on April 9. He was 30 years of age, joined the Army in April, 1916, and had been in France since February, 1917. He was educated at the Liverpool Institute, and served his apprenticeship at Messrs. W.H. Watts and Co., Compton House, and from there he went to Messrs. Affleck and Brown, warehousemen, Manchester. He afterwards joined his father in business at Brighton Street, Seacombe. He attended Egremont Presbyterian Church, and was a member of the old Cheshire Volunteers. His wife resides at 63, Liscard Road, and he was the only son of Mr and Mrs Edwin Palmer, 22, Warwick Drive, Liscard, to whom the greatest sympathy has been extended in their sad bereavement.

Major P.K. Clapham, commanding writes:- "He was the first of the battery to make the greatest sacrifice in the action operations in which we have taken part.

A shell hit him and buried him during the preliminary bombardment on that morning, and it was impossible to get any of his personal kit to send to you. He suffered no pain. I do not speak to you of patriotism or heroes, I consider the war too ugly for that, but to me your husband was one of my most trusted gunners, a man who lived straight, and was loved by his comrades. He is missed by them, and by me, and I can gauge his loss to you who loved him. Words are empty.”

References and Acknowledgments

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