

Surname	Sanders
Forename(s)	Albert Edward Henry
Initials	A E H
Age	23
Honours/Awards	
Date died	13/03/1917
Rank	Private
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	20 th Bn.
Service Number	51727
Cemetery/Memorial	London Cemetery, Neuville-Vitasse
Grave Reference	II.E.15.
Further Information	Son of Henry and Charlotte Sanders, Of 1, Somerset Villa, St. George's Rd., Wallasey.



News Report

Wallasey Soldier Killed

A Popular Violinist

Rifleman Albert Sanders, of the King's Liverpool Regiment, was killed in action on March 18th. The brave young soldier, who was in his 23rd year, was educated at Wallasey Council School, and, previous to joining the colours in November, 1914, he was in business with his father in Liverpool. He was of a most lovable disposition, and will be sadly missed by a wide circle of friends. He was also a very promising violinist. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs H. Sanders, 1, Somerset Villas, St. George's Road, Wallasey, to whom the deepest sympathy has been extended in their very sad bereavement.

2nd Lieutenant Charles C. Snowden writes:-

"Dear Mr and Mrs Sanders – I write to tender you my sincerest sympathy in your great loss. Your son was a member of my platoon, and one whom I could always

rely. His death was instantaneous, and you will be proud to know that he was killed, whilst doing his duty. It occurred whilst we were following up the retreating enemy, the platoon being in an advance patrol, therefore nearly all the time in sight of or in touch with the enemy. We buried him the same night, and erected a cross over his grave.”

In a letter from the chaplain, the Rev. A.L. Preston, C.F., says:-

I want to say how dreadfully sorry I am for you at home in your great loss. He was taking part in the great advance, and death, thank God, was practically instantaneous, so that he suffered absolutely no pain. Will you try to remember that he died the finest death a man can die, fighting for his country and the right. May God who love you and gave His Only Son to die for you, comfort you now in your hour of sorrow.”

Corporal A. Owens also writes:- “The shock of your son’s death, I can imagine must be very great to you and those he has left behind, for he was a good lad, with always a kind word for everybody, and from the time I have known him I never knew him to shirk duty, no matter how dangerous. He will be greatly missed by his chums, as he was liked by everyone but only for his kindness but for various other qualities that were in his nature. Please accept the sympathies of his platoon in your sad bereavement.

In letters of sympathy to his parents Mr. Thomas Hill (headmaster) and Mrs. Hill write:- Albert was a most lovable boy, and had it not been for this terrible war we have not the least doubt that there was a great future in store for him, but God has seen fit to take him to Himself, and we must bow to His will.”

Mr. Ernest Webster, assistant master writes:-“At school we were all proud of him, and had he been spared he was assured of a brilliant future.”

References and Acknowledgments

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