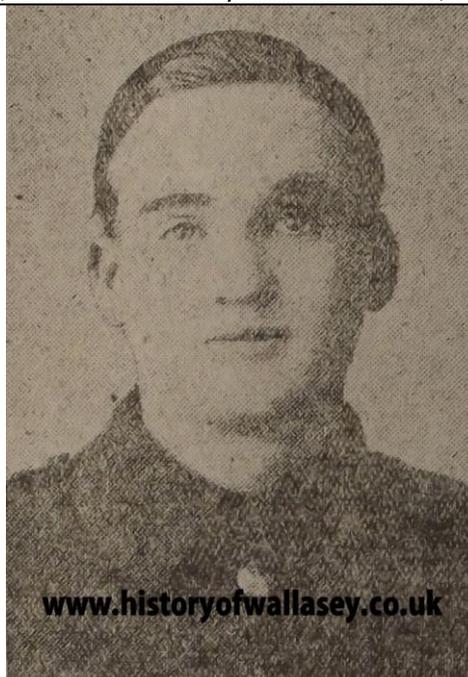


Surname	Sanders
Forename(s)	Henry Hebert
Initials	H H
Age	19
Honours/Awards	
Date died	21/03/1918
Rank	Lance Bombardier
Regiment	Royal Garrison Artillery
Unit/Squadron	17 th Siege Bty.
Service Number	136369
Cemetery/Memorial	Pozières Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 10.
Further Information	Son of Annie Sanders, of 17, Silverlea Avenue, Wallasey, Cheshire, and the late Henry Herbert Sanders,



News Report

Bombardier Who Joined Up At 15

Official intimation has been received that Bombr. Henry Herbert Sanders, R.G.A., was killed in action on March 21, in his 19th year. He was only 15 years of age when he joined up at the outbreak of the war, and was drafted to France eighteen months ago. He began his school training at St. Mary's, Liscard, and was a Seaman's Orphanage Old Boy. He was the second son of Mrs. Annie Sanders, and of the late Mr. H.>. Sanders, 18, Silverlea Avenue. Liscard.

The Major Commanding writes:- "Dear Mrs Sanders. – It is with the deepest regret I have to inform you that your son, Lance-Bombardier H. Sanders of this battery was killed in action on the 21st of March, whilst serving his gun. He was engaged with the rest of his detachment in a new position, when the enemy's barrage came down. They all worked with the greatest gallantry and succeeded in opening fire under very difficult conditions. Shortly afterwards an unlucky shot fell practically amongst them, your son and his No. 1 (Sergt. Watson) were killed

outright, and their section officer was wounded. Sergt. Watson thought a great deal of your son, and it was on his recommendation that I granted him his first stripe. Had your son lived he would have got on well, for although he was so young, he had powers of command which many older men would envy. He was thorough and took a very keen interest in his work, and was always smart in his appearance and cheerful. He was, in fact, a very promising young N.C.O. I regret his loss extremely, and all the more because he was like myself, one of the original T.F. section who formed the battery in 1916. The Battery is proud of him, as I know you will be also. The other officers desire me to convey their sincere sympathy, to which I add my own."

References and Acknowledgments

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