

Surname	Saunders
Forename	William
Initials	W H
Age	25
Honours/Awards	
Date died	27/10/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	South Wales Borderers
Unit/Squadron	2 nd Bn.
Service Number	24561
Cemetery/Memorial	Thiepval Memorial
Grave Reference	Pier and Face 4 A.
Further Information	Son of Mrs. Saunders, of 3, Richmond Cottages, St. Paul's Road, Seacombe.



Chronicle News

Widows's Sole Support

Seacombe Corporal Killed

Official intimation has been received by Mrs Saunders, of 3, Richmond Cottages, St. Paul's Road, Seacombe, and late of 1, Abbotsford Road, Seacombe, that her son, Corporal William Saunders (25), of the South Wales Borderers, was killed in action on October 27th. No details are yet to hand. It is surely worthy of mention that the fallen N.C.O. was a survivor of the Royal Edward disaster in the Aegean Sea. As will doubtless be recollected, the ill-fated vessel was at the time carrying troops to the Dardanelles, and the great majority perished. Saunders owed his life then to the fact that he was such a good swimmer.

Enlisting as an artilleryman, in January, 1915, the deceased was afterwards transferred to the S.W.B., to which regiment he was attached at the time of his death. He was educated at the Riverside School, and was well known in Wallasey

as a footballer, having played as goalkeeper for the defunct Mersey Athletic Club and afterwards South Seacombe under Wallasey Invinsa League auspices. He was employed by the Great Central Railway as a brakesman, and was the sole support of his widowed mother.

References and Acknowledgments

Commonwealth War Grave Commission
Wallasey Central Library – Reference Library

[back](#)