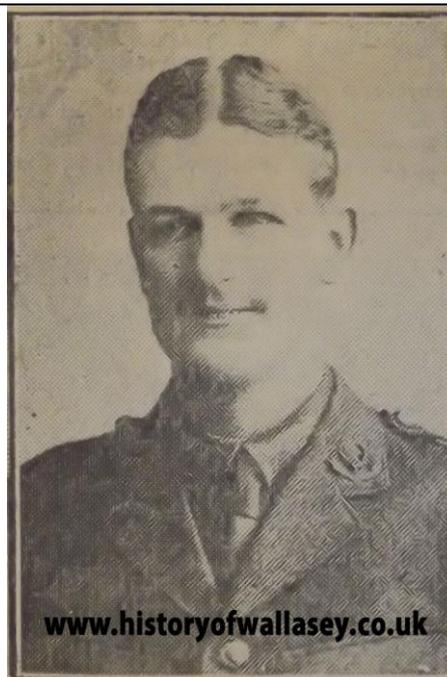


Surname	Shackleford
Forename	Alfred
Initials	A E J
Age	28
Honours/Awards	
Date died	09/05/1915
Rank	Second Lieutenant
Regiment	Seaforth Highlanders
Unit/Squadron	1 st Bn.
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Woburn Abbey Cemetery, Cuinchy
Grave Reference	III.B.16
Further Information	Resided at Woodland Villa, Belgrave Street, Liscard, Husband of Eveline



News Report

Fell While Leading His Platoon

Wallasey mourns the loss of a gallant officer in the death of Lieut. Alfred E.J. Shackleford (29), of Woodland Villa, Belgrave Street, Liscard, who fell near La Bassee on Sunday, May 9th, while leading his platoon.

His wife first entertained anxiety for him when some of her letters were returned – one of which was intended to reach Lieut. Shackleford on May 11th, the third anniversary of their wedding – and on Sunday she received news that he had been killed.

The Colonel of the regiment, the Seaforth Highlanders, in conveying the sad intelligence to Mrs. Shackleford, writes:-

He was leading his platoon in an attack on the German trenches in gallant manner when he fell. He was liked by both officers and men, and we miss him

deeply and sympathise with you in the cruel loss you have so suddenly had thrust upon you. He lies buried along with three other officers and more of our gallant men who are close by.”

Lieut. Shackleford was the son of a soldier, his father being in a Welsh regiment. At the outbreak of war deceased was a colour-sergeant in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and he went to the front among the earliest contingents. He received his commission on January 25th, and was attached to the 1st Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Shackleford and her little son of two in their great loss.

References and Acknowledgments

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