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| Surname | Smith |
| Forename | George |
| Initials | G |
| Age | 23 |
| Honours/Awards | |
| Date died | 17/02/1917 |
| Rank | Private |
| Regiment | Cheshire Regiment |
| Unit/Squadron | 10<sup>th</sup> Bn. |
| Service Number | 11617 |
| Cemetery/Memorial | Berks Cemetery Extension |
| Grave Reference | I.O.13 |
| Further Information | son of Mrs Elizabeth Smith, 4 Church Crescent, Seacombe |

News Report

Seacombe Soldier Killed

Official notification has been received of the death of Pte. George Smith, of the Cheshire Regt., who was killed in action of February 17<sup>th</sup>. The brave soldier, who was 23 years of age, joined the Army at the outbreak of the war, and had been through the Dardanelles campaign. He was born at New Brighton, and previous to joining the colours was a steward on the "Cedric." He was the youngest son of Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, 4, Church Crescent, Seacombe.

The Chaplain, Rev. G.M. Evans, writes:-
"Dear Madam, - As the Church of England Chaplain to the Cheshire Regiment, it is with the deepest regret and sympathy that I have to give you the sad news of the death in action of your son, Pte. G. Smith, which took place on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Your son was gallantly taking part in an attack on the German trenches whom he was killed. His death was instantaneous, and he suffered no pain. I buried him two days later in a little cemetery just behind the trenches. A handsome wooden cross is being erected over his grave, which will be always

carefully looked after. The Commanding Officer, his company officers, and comrades all send you their sincerest sympathy. I know well what a terrible blow this must be to you, and I pray that God may give strength to bear it, and too look forward to a happy meeting again in His good time, and that you may be comforted now by the thought that your son died nobly for King and country.

The deceased as a boy played in the North v. South school match, and afterwards figured in the Seacombe Congregational F.C., when they won the Invinsa League Cup.

References and Acknowledgments

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