


Surname	Thomas
Forename(s)	Edward Hewitt
Initials	E H
Age	24
Honours/Awards	
Date died	25/07/1917
Rank	Sergeant
Regiment	Lancashire Fusiliers
Unit/Squadron	16 th Bn.
Service Number	26516
Cemetery/Memorial	Coxyde Military Cemetery
Grave Reference	I.F.14
Further Information	Son of Tom and Anne Thomas, of 10, Beaconsfield Rd., Seacombe, Wallasey. Educated at Riverside Council School, Seacombe. Employed as a van man with Birkenhead and District Co-operative Society.
	 <p>www.historyofwallasey.co.uk</p>
<p>News Report</p> <p><u>Seacombe Sergeant Killed</u></p> <p>Sergeant Edward Hewitt Thomas, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, was killed in action on July 25. He enlisted two years ago, and had only been six weeks in France. He was educated at Riverside Council School, and was employed as van man with the Birkenhead and District Co-operative Society. His mother resides at 10, Beaconsfield Road, Seacombe.</p> <p>The Rev. Walter Hawkes, C.F., writes:- “Dear Mrs. Thomas. – It is difficult to know how to break the news to you that your son, who had been with us a short time, was killed in action. It will probably be some small relief to know that he died instantly. His body was brought down and buried in the British Military Cemetery about six miles behind the line. Many I venture to offer you my sincerest sympathy in your bereavement, and at the</p>	

same time not to sorrow as one without hope. Your son had been with us too short a time for us to fully appreciate his qualities. That the Holy Spirit of God may be your guide in these dark days, your consolation and comfort in your weariness and weakness is my earnest prayer.”

References and Acknowledgments

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