

Surname	Bellis
Forename	William
Initials	W
Age	23
Honours/Awards	
Date died	26/08/1916
Rank	Lance Corporal
Regiment	South Wales Borderers
Unit/Squadron	11 th Bn.
Service Number	22603
Cemetery/Memorial	Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 22
Further Information	Resided at 37, Percy Road, Seacombe.



Chronicle News

Seacombe Butcher's Death

We regret to announce the death of Lance-Corporal William Bellis, of the South Wales Borderers, who fell in action on August 26th. The regrettable news was conveyed to deceased's home at 37, Percy Road, Seacombe in a letter from the chaplain, and official confirmation from the War Office has since been forthcoming. The chaplain wrote -"I am sorry to inform you of the death of your son, who was killed in action on the 26th instant. He was out with a patrol when they came in contact with the enemy at ten yards' range, and he was shot through the head, death being instantaneous." The letter concludes with a tribute to the young fellow's bravery and courage and expresses the sorrow of the officers and men.

In his twenty-third year, Lance-Corporal Bellis was of a particularly genial disposition, and was much esteemed by a large circle of friends. In the employ of

Mr. J.H. Scott, the well-known Seacombe butcher, he also attended the Primitive Methodist Church, Poulton Road. He was educated at the Riverside Council School, and played football very enthusiastically. Deceased "joined up" in August, 1915, and had been at the front nine months.

References and Acknowledgments

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