

Surname	Hickman
Forename	William
Initials	W
Age	26
Honours/Awards	
Date died	13/08/1915
Rank	Private
Regiment	South Wales Borderers
Unit/Squadron	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.
Service Number	24562
Cemetery/Memorial	Helles Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 80 to 84 or 219 and 220
Further Information	Resided at 4 Shaw Street, Seacombe, Wallasey.



Chronicle News

H.M.S. Royal Edward

Local Men On Torpedoed Transport

Saved And Missing

The sinking of the transport H.M.S. Royal Edward, about a month ago has brought much sorrow into Wallasey homes now that the official War Office announcement as to the names of the "missing and feared drowned" are recorded. Among these are Private William Hickman, of, 4, Shaw Street and Lance-Corporal [Joseph Henry Cooper](#), of the South Wales Borderers, of 8, Rossett Place, Liscard. Another local name, Lance-Corporal William Saunders, also of the South Wales Borderers, of 30, Stanley Street, Seacombe, was amongst the saved.

A Very Sad Case

Lance-Corporal Cooper, who was twenty-three years of age. Leaves a widow and two infant children. An old Navy League boy who was educated at Riverside School. Prior to the war he was quarter-master on the merchant ship Nestor but on Boxing Day last he joined the R.F.A., thus electing to serve in the Army. Later he transferred to the South Wales Borderers, and left at the end of July for the Dardanelles. Then on August 4<sup>th</sup> the vessel was torpedoed, and as a result of the sinking of the boat he was among the missing – another likeable young fellow gone. He called at Alexandria in Egypt on the way to his destination, and sent one postcard home.

Private Hickman, whose age was 26 years, joined the Army on the outbreak of war, and left for the Dardanelles at the same time as his friend, Lance-Corporal Cooper. He was keenly interested in football. His brother, Private Frederick Hickman, of the R.A.M.C., is in France.

#### Five Hours In The Water

Lance-Corporal Saunders, who in a letter home refers to the loss of Cooper and Hickman, had a trying experience, being five hours in the water. He joined the D.F.A. in January, but transferred to the South Wales Borderers.

#### References and Acknowledgments

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