

Private Gerald Easterbrook Rundell  
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It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr Gerald E Rundell, of the 7th Somerset Regt., the only son of Mr and Mrs J G Rundell, of 3 Sea Lawn, Dawlish, which took place, after a brief illness, at the Military Hospital, Wareham, on Thursday of this week. The deceased joined under the Derby scheme and was called up with the first four groups. Previous thereto he was at the Yeovil branch of the Capital and Counties Bank. The deepest sympathy will be felt with the parents.

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MR and MRS RUNDELL beg to thank, with heartfelt gratitude, all for their sympathy and kindness during their heavy trial.  
3 Sea Lawn Terrace, Dawlish.

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**Obituary.**

The funeral of the late Pte G E Rundell, 9th Batt. Somerset Light Infantry, only son of Mr and Mrs J Rundell, of 3 Sea Lawn, who died at the Wareham Military Hospital, took place at Dawlish on Wednesday afternoon. The remains were conveyed from Wareham to Dawlish by train on Monday. Full military honours were accorded deceased, the Battalion band, playing the Dead March in *Saul*, and a detachment from his company escorting the remains to the station. As the train steamed away three volleys were fired by the military escort.

The burial service was conducted by the Revs. W P Alford (vicar) and H C Pratt. The chief mourners were Mr J Rundell (father) and Miss Rundell and Miss M Rundell (aunts). The beautiful floral tributes were as follows :—

To dear Gerald, from his sorrowing parents; in loving memory, from his Aunts at 4 Pennsylvania, Exeter; in affectionate remembrance, from Aunt Evans; with love and deep sympathy, from Aunt Rose, Gladys and Ina; with deepest sympathy, 9th Batt. Somerset L.I.; a large cross with red, white and blue flowers and ribbons, from his comrades, 9th Batt., Somerset L.I.; with sincerest regret and deepest sympathy, from Miss K Moon; with deepest sympathy, from Mrs Henry Hargreaves and family; with respectful memory and profound sympathy, from Miss Taylor, San Remo; with Mrs and Miss McArthur's deepest sympathy.

Mr and Mrs Rundell have received a gracious message of sympathy from the King and Queen, signed by Lord Kitchener.

Lieut.-Col. E H Swayne, C.O., of the Battalion, wrote to Mr and Mrs Rundell expressing the sincere regret on behalf of himself and all ranks in the loss they had sustained. He adds: "I may say that Pte. Rundell was a promising young soldier,

clean, tidy, intelligent, and eager to learn."

Amongst other messages of sympathy was a letter from Mr Gardement, manager of the Yeovil branch of the Capital and Counties Bank (at which deceased was a clerk prior to joining up), expressing his exceeding sorrow and speaking in high terms of the late Mr G E Rundell as a most reliable and keen official.

Messrs. G B Avant and Son carried out the funeral arrangements.