

Surname	Cole
Forename(s)	Matthew Hutchinson
Initials	M H
Age	30
Honours/Awards	
Date died	31/07/1917
Rank	Corporal
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	"V" Coy. 1st/10th Bn.
Service Number	356267
Cemetery/Memorial	Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial
Grave Reference	Panel 4 and 6
Further Information	Son of Sarah Ann Cole, of 28, Bell Rd., Egremont, Wallasey, and the late William Cole.



#### News Report

#### "Died for England"

Corpl. Matthew (Matt) Hutchinson Cole, of the King's Liverpool (Scottish) Regt., was killed in action on July 31, whilst in charge of a platoon. He joined the Army in June, 1915, and had been two years in France. Thirty years of age, he was educated at St. George's (Everton) School, and the Liverpool College, Shaw Street. He was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. Cole, 28, Bell Road, Seacombe (late of Clayton Square, Liverpool), and grandson of the late Mrs Cragg, Tarvin Road, Chester.

Messrs. A. Benson and Co., general contractors, Christian Street, Liverpool, with whom the gallant soldier was employed, write:-

"It is a very sad blow to lose such a boy. He was the most popular boy amongst us at No. 5, for he was always so pleasant and willing."

Mr Robert C. Jones, headmaster (Boys' Department), St. George's, Everton

Church School, writes:-

“It was with great regret that I heard of the heavy bereavement which has befallen you and yours, and hasten to extend to you all my own sincere sympathy and that of Mrs Jones. I know that no words of mine can lighten the terrible load which you are now bearing – words, indeed, seem empty and cold at such a moment, but the knowledge that he has died so nobly and gallantly – has died for others, for a great cause, and for England, should in some little way compensate for the grief of parting. I personally can hardly realise that the bright Mattie, my one-time soloist, of whom I was very fond, has made the great sacrifice, and trust that comfort and consolation may be granted to all of you to support you in this your dark hour. With kindest regards, and again in deepest and most sincere sympathy.”

Two other sons are in the Army.

#### References and Acknowledgments

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