

Surname	Horton
Forename	George
Initials	G F
Age	21
Honours/Awards	
Date died	04/05/1917
Rank	Private
Regiment	Royal Army Medical Corps
Unit/Squadron	
Service Number	36934
Cemetery/Memorial	Mazargues War Cemetery, Marseilles
Grave Reference	III.E.5.
Further Information	Before the war was in the mercantile marine. At the outbreak of the war he immediately volunteered for the R.A.M.C, joining in September 1914. Drowned en route to Egypt. Was an old scholar at Rowson Street Wesleyan School. His mother, Mrs. Eliza, owned a restaurant at 11 Victoria Road, New Brighton.



News Report

New Brighton Soldier Drowned

Mrs. Horton, 11, Victoria Road, New Brighton, has just received official news of the death of her second son, George, aged 21, who was drowned whilst on his way to Egypt with reinforcements.

Prior to the war Pte. Horton was in the mercantile marine, where he had a very promising career before him. Immediately on the outbreak of war he volunteered for the R.A.M.C., joining the colours in September, 1914.

After training he was drafted to France, where he saw ten months' service. From France he was invalided home with diphtheria, and on recovery he joined a draft

going to Mesopotamia, where he and his chums of the R.A.M.C. did excellent work in the way of hospital nursing in that trying country. Unfortunately the strain and climate were too much for him, and again he was invalided home. At this time he was selected for foreign service, this time in Egypt, and the sad news of his death en route came as a great shock to his many friends.

The first official news stated that he was reported missing, and believed drowned on May 4th, 1917, but a later message showed that his body had been recovered, and that he was buried at Toulon on May 21st.

Pte. Horton was an old scholar of Rowson Street Wesleyan School, and many friends there will read, with deep sorrow and sympathy for his family, of the sad loss of such a promising young life.

References and Acknowledgments

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