

Surname	Houghton
Forename	Olbin
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Age	40
Honours/Awards	
Date died	15/09/1917
Rank	Company Sergeant Major
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	4 th Bn.
Service Number	5303
Cemetery/Memorial	Wallasey (Rake Lane) Cemetery
Grave Reference	14. C. of E. 352.
Further Information	Long service and good conduct medal. Husband of Elizabeth Houghton, of 38, Urmson Rd., Wallasey.
Chronicle News	
<u>Military Funeral At Liscard</u>	
<p>An impressive military funeral took place at the Wallasey Cemetery, Rake Lane, on Thursday, when there were laid to rest the remains of C.S.M. Olbin Houghton, of the 4th Cheshire Regiment, who died in the Town Hall Military Hospital, Seacombe, on Saturday last.</p> <p>C.S.M. Houghton had had a fine military career, extending over twenty-one years with the Cheshire Regiment, and will be remembered by many local residents, although he was really a native of Stockport. In 1896 he joined the 1st Battalion of the Cheshires, and after nine years' service in India he came in 1911 to the Liscard Drill Hall, Urmson Road, as instructor to the Wallasey detachment of the 4th Cheshires. A month after the breakout of the present war he went out to Egypt attached to the East Lanc. Brigade as instructor and participated in the first activities there when the Turks tried to cross the Suez Canal. In March, 1915, he returned to the Liscard depot, and took charge of the recruiting for the third line – and then went to Park Hall Camp, Oswestry, and continued to instruct recruits. He remained there until about four weeks ago, when he came home on sick leave. After a few days he was taken to the Town Hall Hospital, and succumbed on Saturday to pneumonia.</p> <p>The cortege proceeded from the Drill Hall to St. Mary's Church, where a service was conducted by the Rev. A.V. Atkinson. The coffin was swathed in a Union Jack, and was borne on a gun carriage. Preceding it were a detachment of the Cheshires with reversed rifles and the band, which played Chopin's "Marche Funebre," and also the "Dead March" in Saul, while after it came many of the non-commissioned officers and the mourners. The Rev. Mr. Atkinson also officiated at the graveside, and three volleys were fired over the grave, while the "Last Post" was also sounded.</p>	

References and Acknowledgments

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