Surname	Mathias
Forename	John
Initials	J
Age	49
Honours/Awards	
Date died	04/12/1916
Rank	Commander
Regiment	Royal Naval Reserve
Unit/Squadron	H.M.S. "Laurentic."
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Wallasey (Rake Lane) Cemetery
Grave Reference	9. R.C. 51.
Further Information	Resided at 41. Gorsehill Road, New Brighton.



## **Chronicle News**

## **Buried With Naval And Military Honours**

There were laid to rest at Wallasey Cemetery, Rake Lane, on Monday morning, the remains of the late Commander John Mathias, R.D., R.N.R., of the White Star Line. The interment was carried out with full naval and military honours, and the numerous gathering of mourners which assembled at the graveside paid eloquent testimony to the esteem in which the deceased officer was held. The funeral procession was headed by a section of the 3rd Cheshire Regiment, in command of Captain Ferguson, and bringing up the rear was a detachment of naval men, under the supervision of Lieut.Commander J.G. Little, of H.M.S. Eagle. The procession assembled at 41, Gorsehill Road, New Brighton, the residence of Commander Mathias, and prior to proceeding to the cemetery a short Requiem was conducted at the house of Father Mullins, of SS. Peter and Paul's, New Brighton, who also performed the obsequies at the graveside. Born on a gun carriage, the coffin was covered with a Union Jack, on which rested the

deceased's sword and cap. At the conclusion of the ceremony a volley was fired and the "Last Post" sounded.

## **References and Acknowledgments**

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