

Surname	Packwood
Forename(s)	George William
Initials	G W
Age	21
Honours/Awards	
Date died	26/05/1915
Rank	Able Seaman
Regiment	Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve
Unit/Squadron	Hood Bn. R.N. Div.
Service Number	Mersey Z/247
Cemetery/Memorial	Port Said War Memorial Cemetery
Grave Reference	D.12
Further Information	Son of William and Annie Packwood, of 12, Edith Rd., Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire. Native of Stockport.



News Report

Death Of Seacombe R.N.V.R.

After nearly three months of anxious waiting, Mrs. Packwood, of 28 Briardale Road, has received information of the death of her son, Able-Seaman G.W. Packwood, who died on the 31st May at the Lady Strangford Hospital, Port Said, after a painful and protracted illness. The sad intimation was received from the matron on the deceased's twentieth birthday. In the course of the letter, she said :-

"... He had to be kept under morphia entirely during the last few days. Poor boy! He had fallen away so much that you could not have wished him to suffer more, and his death was a happy release. He was buried close by with naval honours."

Other than this, Mrs. Packwood has been able to learn little of the circumstances which caused her son's death. The deceased, who belonged to the Hood Battalion of the 2nd Naval Brigade, joined at the outbreak of war and was drafted to Egypt at the commencement of the year. During the first months he

was in Egypt he wrote several cheerful letters to his mother, but after march nothing was heard of him until the matron of the hospital wrote saying he was ill. From what can be gathered it would appear that he sustained injuries to the spine while in Egypt, but nothing definite on this point is known. The deceased was a taxi-driver in the employ of Messrs. Kelly's, was a popular figure at Seacombe, and an ardent sportsman. He was a fine athletic figure, standing six feet high, and took a great interest in swimming.

References and Acknowledgments

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