

Surname	Rose
Forename(s)	Thomas Enoch
Initials	T E
Age	22
Honours/Awards	
Date died	22/07/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	Army Service Corps
Unit/Squadron	
Service Number	M2/192522
Cemetery/Memorial	Liverpool (Anfield) Cemetery
Grave Reference	Screen Wall (South). V. C. 19.
Further Information	Son of Mrs. Ellen M. Rose, of 67, Bell Rd., Seacombe, Cheshire.



Chronicle News

Dies On Hospital Ship

Sad Wallasey Story

With full military honours there were yesterday interned at Anfield Cemetery the remains of the late Private Thomas Enoch Rose, of the Mechanical Transport Section, and the younger son of Mrs. Ellen Rose, of 67, Bell Road, Seacombe. Private Rose, who was thirtytwo years of age, and had for several years been employed by Mr W.H. Phillips, Broadway Garage, Clarendon Road, Wallasey, was a smart young mechanic as regards motor work, and although he had been previously rejected as medically unfit for the Army, he was summoned to the colours on July 1st last, and was sent to France within a fortnight of joining being engaged there in the repairing of motor vehicles sent down damaged from the front. The prolonged strain of such strenuous work on a frame weakened by nervous debility proved too much for his feeble strength. He was seized with apoplexy and died on Saturday while proceeding from France to Netley Hospital,

Southampton, in the hospital ship St. Patrick.

The story is a peculiarly sad one. The young fellow attested under the group system last October, and when called up in the following January he was rejected by the Wallasey doctor as totally unfit for the Army. Then the Medical Board was set up and previous examinations were rendered invalid. He accordingly lodged an application for exemption with the Wallasey Tribunal. His father had died when he was a baby, so that he had helped to support his widowed mother since he, at the early age of seven, commenced to earn a few shillings a week. He was given exemption til June 30th, and when called up a day later he was very much surprised – as were his mother, his employer, and all who knew him – to be passed fit for general service by the Birkenhead Medical Board.

Mrs. Rose, the bereaved mother, is a Norwegian lady, and has no relatives in England. Her other son, Private Robert Rose, R.A.M.C. – is married, and is at present on active service at Salonika, he having previously been hall porter at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Southport. Mrs. Rose has not yet been informed whether or not she is entitled to a pension, and as she was almost entirely dependent on the earnings of her younger son she will have to give up her little home to earn her own living, in which she will, of course, be greatly handicapped owing to her age.

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News Report

Military Funeral

The funeral of Private Thomas Enoch Rose, of the Mechanical Transport Section, the son of Mrs. Mrs. Ellen Rose, of 67, Bell Road Seacombe, whose sad death we recorded in our Wednesday's issue, took place at Anfield Cemetery yesterday. Full military honours were accorded and there was a large gathering at the graveside.

To The Editor Of The Wallasey News

Sir, - I desire to thank you for the correct and concise account of Private Thomas E. Rose's ultimately death, which appears in Wednesday's issue of the "News".

After having attended in October last, Mr. Rose was examined by Dr. Lloyed in January, when the doctor made the following emphatic remark: "Put on your clothes; you are of no use for the Army."

Private Rose was passed on 1st July last for the A.S.C., Motor Transport Section, Class A, by the Birkenhead Medical Board, much to the astonishment of those intimate with him; and with knowledge of his condition of health.

Having been very intimately connected with the late Mr. Rose, I can testify without the least hesitation to his unfitness for general service in the Army. His tragic death mere than proves that such was the case.

References and Acknowledgments

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