

Compton Chamberlayne

Roll of Honour



Lest we Forget

World War I



12225 PRIVATE

G. H. ROSE

7th BN WILTSHIRE REGIMENT

24th APRIL, 1917

George Herbert ROSE

George Herbert Rose was born at Compton Chamberlayne & his birth was registered in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire in the September quarter of 1894.

The 1901 Census records George H Rose as a 6 year old living with his parents – Eli S Rose, a 46 year old General Carrier & Edith Rose, aged 38. George Rose's place of birth was listed as Compton Chamberlayne. The family were living at Village Street, Compton Chamberlayne & there were 6 children recorded – Maurice (aged 10), Richard (aged 9), George, Charles (aged 5), Frederick (aged 1), Lucie (aged under 3 months) & a Servant / Mother's help – Georgina Matthews (aged 12).

The 1911 Census records George Herbert Rose as 16 year old living with his parents – Eli Samuel Rose, a 56 year old Farmer & Edith Rose, aged 48. The family were living at Hamptworth Farm, Redlynch, Salisbury, in a 5 roomed dwelling. There were 8 children recorded –Richard William(aged 19), George, Eli Charles (aged 15), Frederick (aged 11), Lucie (aged 10), Bertram (aged 7), Walter (aged 5) & Phyllis (aged 3).

Private George Herbert Rose, service number 12225, was enlisted with "A" Coy of the 7th Bn of the Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's). He enlisted at Salisbury, Wiltshire.

He was killed in action on 24th April, 1917, aged 22 years. Pte George Herbert Rose is remembered on the Doiran Memorial in Central Macedonia, Greece and his death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Pte Rose as the son of Eli Samuel & Edith Rose, of Hampworth, Salisbury .

Pte G H Rose was entitled to the 1915 Star, British War & Victory Medals. His Medal Index Card shows he had entered a Theatre of War – France on 21/9/1915.

7th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment War Diary

Date – 25/04/1917

Location – Greece, Doiran Sector

A' Coy left B2 trenches at 2105. There was then strong T.M. fire and field gun fire on our front line. The company went down the PATTY RAVINE in sections in file and formed up in line in the ravine on the N.W slope. The enemy put up a very heavy T.M barrage in the ravine during the whole of this time, which caused many casualties. The company crawled up the slope in line and having got to the top advanced to the wire. Gaps had been cut but it was impossible to get into the trenches owing to M.G fire on left of O1 and heavy rifle fire all along the line and enemy's bombers. Knife rests had been put up on the parapet behind the main wire and partly blocked the gaps. The Bulgars supports were seen coming down the CT. on left of O1

and the front line was very strongly manned. Our advance was held up and the company was forced to lie down in shell holes in front of the wire. The main party never got through the wire. A few got into the enemy trenches but were not seen again. By this time all the officers had become casualties and Sgt TOWNSEND returned to our lines and reported the situation. He received orders from the company to withdraw and got what was left of them back to our lines, bringing what wounded he could with him. Two Lewis guns were put out of action, one was brought back undamaged. 'C' Coy. Objective Z8 - Z10. The Company formed up outside our wire at 2115. Liaison was established and on the barrage lifting the company entered the enemy trenches and drove him out after lively fighting with bombs during which serious losses were inflicted. A portion of this sector was cleared but owing to lack of co-operation on left flank ('D' Coy being held up by the uncut wire) the company was forced, on the delivery of a vigorous enemy counter attack, to evacuate the enemy's lines. A rally of the company was effected 50 yards from the enemy's trenches but the attack failed owing to heavy casualties, all the company officers and 8 Senior N.C.Os being either killed or wounded. CSM THORNE who was left in command saw that there was nothing for it but to withdraw to our lines. One Lewis gun did not return. The second was brought back undamaged. 'D' Coy. Objective Z11 - Z16. The Company left our lines at 2126. Liaison was established and on the barrage lifting, the first two attacking waves got through the first line wire but were held up by the second line, which was insufficiently cut. The enemy trenches were packed with bombers who had great advantage of position as our men were unable to get through the wire. The company retried three times but on each occasion was brought to a standstill by the wire and owing to very severe casualties had no alternative but to withdraw to our lines. All the officers with the exception of 2nd Lt DENNE were either killed or wounded. One Lewis gun was put out of action by a shell, one returned to our lines undamaged. A gun which was sent up from the reserve (B) Coy did not return. 'D' Coy were the first to get back to our lines followed by C, then 'A'. No Company ever got into direct communication with Battn HQRs and it was difficult to obtain information of what had taken place. The firing line was reorganised but the CO decided that a fresh attack with the reserve company and the few men available from the three assaulting companies would serve no useful purpose. The stretcher bearers worked throughout the night bringing in wounded. In the early hours of 25th the 12th A and S Highlanders arrived to attack O1 and O2 through us. This order was subsequently cancelled and they returned to their camp at dawn. The attack on O3 failed. A portion of the attacking companies got into the trenches but were driven out by strong counter attack. The 10th DEVONS succeeded in getting on to PETIT COURONNE and held the position for four hours when they were ordered to withdraw. HANTS casualties about 450 Devons 500, D.C.L.I (who supported and reinforced DEVONS) about 150. The Brigade casualties were about 2300 OR and 50 Officers. The 78th Bde attack failed. The 22nd Div gained their objective on P 4 1/2 and maintained their position. Operation Orders and Casualty lists attached During the next day the enemy artillery, after bombarding our lines at dawn was quiet. Stretcher parties led by M.O. went out at intervals during the day and brought wounded in. The trench mortar fired a few rounds otherwise the enemy did not interfere.

7th Bn. THE WILTSHIRE REGIMENT CASUALTY RETURN APRIL 24th/25th 1917

(Included in the long list of names) **Rose G.H.**

(Source: The War Diaries of 7th Bn Wiltshire Regiment – [The Wardrobe](#))

Doiran Memorial

The Doiran Memorial commemorates nearly 2,200 Commonwealth servicemen who died whilst holding the line in Macedonia during the Great War and have no known grave. The Memorial can be found in the North of Greece close to the border with what was Yugoslavia.

Photo of Pte G H Rose's Memorial Panel on Doiran Memorial, Greece



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Doiran Memorial Photograph



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****2nd** Lieutenant Thomas Penruddocke, from Compton Chamberlayne is also remembered on the Doiran Memorial, Greece. 2nd Lieutenant Thomas Penruddocke was with the 8th Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment & died on 25th April, 1917, the day after Pte George Herbert Rose.