

Sutton Veny War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War 1



8054 PRIVATE

E. ROSE

12TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

1ST JUNE, 1918 AGE 16

*Oh For A Touch
Of A Vanished Hand
And The Sound Of
A Voice That is Still*

*CWGC Headstone for Pte E. Rose is located in
Grave Plot # 353. E. 5. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

Edward ROSE

Edward Rose was born in Bagdad, Tasmania in November, 1901 to parents Edward & Mary Rose (nee McKay). His birth was registered in 1902 in Green Ponds, Tasmania as Edward James Rose.

Edward Rose stated he was an 18 year old (birth date stated as 20th August, 1899), single, Farmer from Bagdad, Tasmania when he enlisted at Hobart, Tasmania on 10th September, 1917 with the 12th Infantry Battalion, 27th Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 8054 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Edward Rose of Bagdad, Tasmania.

As Edward Rose was under the age of 21 he need his parents' consent to enlist in A.I.F. & service on active duty abroad. A letter dated 13th September, signed by Edward & Mary Rose, parents of Edward Rose state that he is 18 years of age & has the full consent to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. The letter was witnessed by Dennis Rose. An Army Form (B73485) was also signed by Edward & Mary Rose stating their son was 18 years of age. The back of the form was signed by Edward Rose & Dennis Rose "swearing the signatures on this paper are those of my father and mother respectively."

Private Edward Rose embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Nestor* (A71) on 28th February, 1918 & disembarked at Liverpool, England on 20th April, 1918

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Private Edward Rose was marched in to 1st Training Battalion from Australia on 20th April, 1918.

Pte Rose was sent to Group Clearing Hospital at Sutton Veny on 25th April, 1918 sick with Tonsillitis. He was discharged to Training Depot at Sutton Veny on 1st May, 1918.

Pte Rose was sent to Group Clearing Hospital at Sutton Veny on 20th May, 1918 with Influenza. He was transferred to the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 22nd May, 1918 seriously ill with Measles & Pneumonia.

Private Edward Rose died at 6.15 am on 1st June, 1918 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny of Measles & Pneumonia. Pte Edward Rose was aged 16 ½ years. He had enlisted 2 months prior to his 16th birthday. A post mortem was conducted & the medical cause of death was Measles, Bronchitis, Odema of Lung & Acute Bronchiectasis.

A death for Edward Rose, aged 19, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private Edward Rose was buried on 4th June, 1918 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 353. From the burial report of Pte Rose - *Coffin was good polished Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours. The funeral was preceded by a band, Firing Party, Pallbearers and a half company of N.C.O.'s and men from deceased's late Unit. Wreaths from the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of deceased's Unit and Nursers at Sutton Veny Hospital were placed on the grave after the "Last Post" had been sounded. Deceased was very popular and was held in very high esteem by both Officers and men of his company.*

Pte Edward Rose requested in his Will dated 13th February, 1918 that all his real & personal Estate be left to his mother – Mary Rose

Pte Edward Rose was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Rose's father – Mr Edward Rose (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

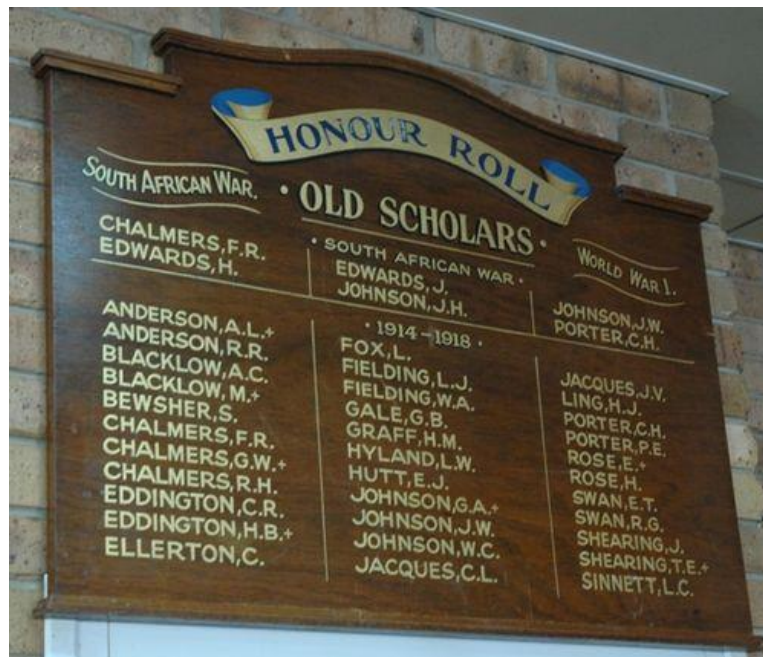
The CWGC lists Private Edward Rose, 8054, of 12th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., was the son of Edward and Mary Rose, of Bagdad, Tasmania.

Private E. Rose is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 67.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

E. Rose, along with his brother H. Rose are both remembered on the Old Scholars Honour Roll which commemorates 6 soldiers that served in Boer War & 33 soldiers who served in World War One. The Honour Roll is located in Bagdad Community Centre, Midland Highway & Hall Lane, Bagdad, Tasmania.



Old Scholars Honour Roll at Bagdad Community Centre (Photo from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

(44 pages of Pte Edward Rose's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

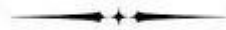
Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives.



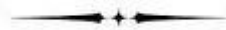
Connected to Pte Edward Rose:

Older Brother – Pte Hector Rose, 169, 12th Battalion. Enlisted 25th August, 1914 aged 21. He took part in the landing at Gallipoli and was badly wounded the following day. Pte Hector Rose had been wounded with a gunshot wound to lower jaw & was invalided to Australia from England on 7th November, 1915. He was medically discharged from Service on 23rd June, 1916. Pte Hector Rose was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal.

Pte Hector Rose re- enlisted with A.I.F. (service number T7088) on 24th September, 1917. He was hospitalized at Claremont Camp, Tasmania from 19th July, 1918 to 5th November, 1918. Pte Hector Rose was medically discharged on 11th November, 1918.



Private Edward Rose



Newspaper Reports

ROLL OF HONOUR

Tasmanian Casualties - CASUALTY LIST NO 410

DIED, OTHER CAUSES

Pte E. Rose, Bagdad, 1/6/18 (Illness).

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – Friday 21 June, 1918)

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

Mrs. Edward Rose, of Bagdad, has received a letter from General Birdwood in relation to her son, "Bob," who enlisted two months prior to attaining his sixteenth birthday in November of last year. Finding he so earnestly desired not to be retained for home service, Mrs. Rose wrote to headquarters, asking if he could be kept out of the firing line for a time on account of his extreme youth. General Birdwood's reply, which is dated July 19, 1918, is as follows:-

"Dear Mrs. Rose, since receiving your letter regarding your son, Private E. Rose, whose regimental number you stated to be 7069, I have been making exhaustive inquiries, with a view to tracing him. As you will probably realise this is an exceedingly difficult matter with the large force we have in England and in France, unless full particulars are furnished. Your son could not be traced in the force under this number, but I have traced No. 8054 Private Edward Rose, 12th Battalion, whose next-of-kin is registered as father, Edward Rose, Bagdad, Tasmania, and who is possibly identical with your boy. I therefore deeply regret to inform you that Private Rose died on 31st May at Sutton Veny Military Hospital, England, from bronchitis, measles and oedema of lung. His father will have been advised officially long before this reaches you, and I can only add how deeply I do sympathise with you both in the loss of such a really brave boy for he did indeed display a fine spirit in enlisting when only 16 years old with a determination to do his utmost for the noble cause for which we are fighting. With my kind regards - Yours sincerely. W. R. Birdwood.

Mrs. Rose's eldest son was one of the first to enlist after war was declared, and took part in the historic landing at Gallipoli, where he was wounded and subsequently returned home, but has since enlisted again.

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania – Tuesday 1 October, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

Died On Active Service

ROSE – In loving memory of Private Edward Rose, who died at Sutton Veny Hospital, England on June 1, 1918.

He went with the hope of returning,
 Along with his comrades so brave,
But now he is peacefully sleeping
 Far away in a soldier's grave.

No space of time, no lapse of years,
 Can dim our loved one's past;
A loving memory holds it dear,
 Affection holds it fast.

Inserted by his loving parents, brothers and sisters. Bagdad.

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania – Monday 2 June, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

Died On Active Service

ROSE – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Edward Rose, who died of illness on June 1, 1918 at Sutton Veny Military Hospital, England.

Today brings back to our memory fresh
Our dear one gone to rest;
And those who miss you most of all
Are those who loved you best.
He left behind some aching hearts
That loved him very dear,
Hearts that never will forget
His memory written here.

Deeply mourned and sadly missed.

Inserted by his loving parents, brothers and sisters. Bagdad.

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania – Tuesday 1 June, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

Died On Active Service

ROSE – In fond and loving memory of our dear son and brother, who died on the 1st of June, 1918 at Sutton Veny Military Hospital, England (of illness).

In our home you are always remembered,
Sweet memory clings around your name.
And hearts that hold you in deepest affection
Still love you in death just the same.

He was always happy and cheerful,
With a heart that had no fear;
He went to face life's battles
For all he loved so dear
Though death divides,
Fond memories cling.

Inserted by his loving parents, brothers and sisters. Bagdad.

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania – Wednesday 1 June, 1921)

IN MEMORIAM

Died On Active Service

ROSE – In loving memory of my dear brother, Private Edward Rose, died June 1, 1918 at Sutton Veny Military Hospital, England.

We know, dear brother, the land to which you've gone
Is beautiful and bright;
There shall be no tears of sorrow,
And there shall be no night.

Inserted by his loving sister, Alice.

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania – Friday 1 June, 1923)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone at St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

Pte Edward Rose does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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War Graves at Sutton Veny *(Photos from CWGC)*



Photo of E. Rose's CWGC headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)