

Draft Notes for Charles Vaughan Rose in Freshford Great War Heroic Dead.paw

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C Rose, Pte. Royal Dragoons. ¹**Charles Rose** 24 Mar 1918 Age 22 Somme. ²1896 Birth of **Charles Vaughan Rose** registered Bradford on Avon. ³

1901 Census shows Jehu Rose M age 42 Gardener Domestic worker b. Freshford, Somerset living at Shrubs Down, Westwood Wilts with wife Alma Emily age 42 b. Stow on the Wold, Gloucs. and children Edith Emily S age 21 Assistant School Mistress worker, Arthur Henry S age 19 Carpenter's Apprentice worker, Ernest John S age 17 Blacksmith's Apprentice worker, James Thomas age 10 Daisy Eva age 7 and **Charles Vaughan** age 5 all b. Westwood, Wilts. ⁴

1910 Chas Vaughan Rose Cleaner, b. 26 Nov 1895 - Date of entering service: 24 Oct 1910; Rate on entering service: 1/6; Station: Trowbridge, Company: Great Western; Discharged 13 Nov 1911. ⁵

1911 Charles Vaughan Rose Cleaner, b. 26 Nov 1895 - Date of entering service: 20 Nov 1911; Rate on entering service: 2/3; Station: Llanelly, Company: Great Western; Left 14 Dec 1911. ⁶

1911 Census shows Emily Amelia Thomas Head age 49 (married 24 years, no children) General Shop Own Account at Home, b. Devizes Wilts living at 31 New Town, Trowbridge (5 rooms) with husband Henry William Thomas age 49 b. Devizes Wilts (Infirmary: Epileptic Fits) and lodger **Charlie Rose** age 16 single Cleaner on Line Great Western Railway worker b. Freshford, Somerset. ⁷

First World War

Rose, Charles 1st DNG ⁸ Pte D/10576 Victory Medal: Roll C/103/B5 Page 283, British Medal : do., 1915 Star: Roll CC/4B Page 61, Theatre of war: N France; Date of entry therein: 27-5-15. K in A 24-3-18. ⁹

1st (Royal) Dragoons were under the command of 6th Cavalry Brigade in 3rd Cavalry Division. In 1916, after Charles's arrival in theatre, they took part in The Battle of Loos (26 - 28 September), but fought in no major engagement in 1916. In 1917 they took part in The First Battle of the Scarpe (9 - 12 April, a phase of the Arras Offensive) and the attack on Monchy le Preux (10 - 11 April, a phase of the Arras Offensive). In 1918 they fought in The Battle of St Quentin (21 - 23 March, a phase of the of the First Battles of the Somme in which the Division was engaged until 5 April), and between 22 and 25 March 1918 the Division provided the 3rd Dismounted Division, organised into three dismounted brigades. It also provided a mounted detachment under "Harman's Detachment" and then "Reynolds's Force" between 23 and 29 March. They were engaged in the actions at the Somme crossings (24 - 25 March, a phase of the of the First Battles of the Somme). ¹⁰ Note: Charles died during this battle on 24 March and has no known grave.

1918 Death of **Rose, Charles** Private Ser. No. 10576 d. 24/03/1918 Age 22 1st (Royal) Dragoons Panel 2 Pozieres Memorial. ¹¹ Son of Jehu and Emily Rose of Holly Farm, Freshford, Bath. ¹²

¹ Plaque on Freshford Village war memorial sited on the village Tynning.

² Alan Dodge, *Freshford - History of a Somerset Village* (2000; reprint, Freshford Manor Bath Somerset: Freshford Publications, 2000)

³ England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index: 1837-1983 for Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire for 1896 Jan-Feb-Mar Vol 5a Page 105.

⁴ 1901 England Census RG13/1934 Bradford on Avon, Bradford South Eastern 13 Folio 84 Page 5 Schedule 38.

⁵ UK Railway Employment Records, 1833-1956 No.6 1887-1912 Swindon Division, Great Western.

⁶ UK Railway Employment Records, 1833-1956 No.10 1843-1913 Neath Division, Great Western.

⁷ 1911 England & Wales Census RG14/11967 Melksham, Trowbridge 7 Schedule 258.

⁸ Dragoon Guards.

⁹ Medal Card held in the National Archives. Cat Ref: WO/372/17.

¹⁰ The Long, Long Trail - The British Army in the Great War of 1914-1918. The Long, Long Trail is owned, designed, built and written by Chris Baker. <http://www.1914-1918.net/3cavdiv.htm>.

¹¹ Pozieres is a village 6 kilometres north-east of the town of Albert. The Memorial encloses Pozieres British Cemetery which is a little south-west of the village on the north side of the main road, D929, from Albert to Pozieres. The POZIERES MEMORIAL relates to the period of crisis in March and April 1918 when the Allied Fifth Army was driven back by overwhelming numbers across the former Somme battlefields, and the months that followed before the Advance to Victory, which began on 8 August 1918. The Memorial commemorates over 14,000 casualties of the United Kingdom and 300 of the South African Forces who have no known grave and who died on the Somme from 21 March to 7 August 1918.

¹² Commonwealth War Graves Commission Casualty Details www.cwgc.org 1587681.