

## Draft Notes for Joseph Henry Rose in Freshford Great War Heroic Dead.paw

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J Rose, Guardsman Welsh Guards. <sup>1</sup>

James Rose, d. 21st July 1916, Brandhoek Belgium. <sup>2</sup>

1874 Birth of **Joseph Henry Rose** registered Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire. <sup>3</sup>

1874 **Joseph Henry Rose** bap. on 10 May 1874 at St Peter's Church, Freshford, Somerset. Father Joseph, mother Hester, abode Freshford, father's occupation: Labourer. <sup>4,5</sup>

1881 Census shows Joseph Rose head mar age 46 Labourer Agcl. b. Freshford, Somerset living at Cottage, Station Road, Freshford, Somerset with wife Hester age 45 b. Freshford, Somerset, and children Edward unmar age 17 Labourer Agcl., Sarah age 16 Domestic Servant out of employ., Catherine age 12 scholar, William age 9 Scholar, **Joseph** age 7 Scholar, Louisa age 5 and Christopher age 9 mo. all b. Freshford, Somerset. <sup>6</sup>

1891 Census shows George Tandy head m age 35 Iron Moulder employed b. Bath Som. living at 5 Russell Pce Lyncombe and Widcombe, Somerset with wife Sarah age 25 b. Freshford Som. and [her] brother **Joseph Rose** s age 17 Labourer employed b. Freshford, Somerset. <sup>7</sup>

1911 Census shows **Joseph Rose** age 37 single W.D.C. Foreman Labourer, District Council worker b. Bath, Somerset Language English boarding at 17 King Street, Brynmawr, Breconshire with William Thomas Davies age 32 Master Haulier, General Hauling, own account and family. <sup>8</sup>

### *Joseph Rose Senior & Family*

1898 Death of *Esther [sic] Rose* age 62 registered Bath. <sup>9</sup> [Note: this fits with the widowerhood of husband Joseph by 1901, and registration district. Esther is easily mixed verbally with Hester.]

1901 Census shows **Joseph Rose** Widr. age 66 Labourer on Road b. Freshford living at Sharpstone, Freshford with son Christopher single age 20 Stone Quarry man underground b. Freshford, Somerset. <sup>10</sup>

1911 Census shows **Joseph Henry Rose** Father in Law age 76 widower Roads Labourer Pensioner b. Bath, Somerset living at Carlingford Terrace Radstock with daughter Louisa Emily wife age 36 b. Freshford, Somerset and husband Henry James Emm age 36 Colliery Labourer and their niece Elsie Gladys Matlock age 7 b. Bristol. <sup>11</sup>

1913 Death of **Joseph Rose** age 79 registered Clutton Somerset. <sup>12</sup>

### First World War

**Rose, Joseph W.** Gds. Pte. Regt. No. 1467 Victory Medal: Roll WG/105B2 page 134, British medal do. <sup>13</sup>

Welsh Guards 1st Battalion Raised as a new regiment by Royal Warrant on 26 February 1915. Initially located at White City, moved to Sandown Park 28 April 1915. 18 August 1915 : landed at Le Havre and came under command of 3rd Guards Brigade, Guards Division. This Division has the unusual distinction of being formed in France in August 1915. The various Guards units that had been with other divisions were withdrawn to be brought together to create this fine formation. It remained on the Western Front throughout the rest of the war and was engaged in the Battle of Loos 25 Sep - 18 Oct 1915. The next major offensive was in the Somme, starting on 1 Jul 1916. The first recorded involvement of the division was at the the Battle of Flers-Courcelette 15-22 Sep. <sup>14</sup> However, Joseph

died earlier, on 21 Jun, and was buried at Brandhoek in Belgium, 130km to the north. The Welsh Guards War Diaries confirm that the brigade was operating at La Belle Alliance<sup>15</sup> in the Ypres area at this time.<sup>16</sup>

1916 **Joseph Rose** b. circa 1873 age 43 b. Bath, Somerset, Resident Cardiff, Glamorgan; Nationality: British; Killed in Action; Parents Joseph & Esther Rose of Freshford, Bath; Rank Private, S No. 1467 Duty Location: France & Flanders.<sup>17</sup>

1916 **Rose, Joseph** Private Ser. No. 1467 d. 21/06/1916 age 43 Regiment: Welsh Guards, UK Grave reference II.F.7 Brandhoek Military Cemetery.<sup>18</sup> Son of Joseph and Esther Rose of Freshford, Bath.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Plaque on Freshford Village war memorial sited on the village Tynning.

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

<sup>3</sup> Family Search England and Wales, Birth Registration Index, 1837-1920 for Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire for 1874 Apr-May-Jun Vol 5A Page 135, Line 262.

<sup>4</sup> Family Search England Births & Christening, 1578-1975 Batch No. I02100-0 England-EASy Film No. 1526169.

<sup>5</sup> FreeREG <http://www.freereg.org.uk/> © 1998-2013 The website, its layout, search engine, and database are copyright by the Trustees of FreeBMD, a charity registered in England and Wales, Number 1096940. File 19108.

<sup>6</sup> 1881 England Census RG11/2050 Bradford on Avon, Bradford South Eastern 16 Folio 102 Page 17 Schedule 61.

<sup>7</sup> 1891 England Census RG12/1932 Bath, Lyncombe 1 Folio 24 Page 42 Schedule 263.

<sup>8</sup> 1911 England & Wales Census RG14/33599 Crickhowell, Llanelly 07 Schedule 325.

<sup>9</sup> England & Wales, FreeBMD Death Index: 1837-1983 for Bath for 1898 Apr-May-Jun Vol 5c Page 337.

<sup>10</sup> 1901 England Census RG13/2335 Bath, Twerton 20 Folio 140 Page 2 Schedule 8.

<sup>11</sup> 1911 England & Wales Census RG14/14661 Clutton, Midsomer Norton 11 Schedule 261.

<sup>12</sup> England & Wales, FreeBMD Death Index: 1837-1983 for Clutton, Somerset for 1913 Jan-Feb-Mar Vol 5C Page 685 Line 14.

<sup>13</sup> Medal Card held in the National Archives. WO/372/17.

<sup>14</sup> 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/gdiv.htm>

<sup>15</sup> The La Belle Alliance Cemetery is a small Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in this area 3.5 Km south of Boezinge. The cemetery was named after a farm that stood a couple of hundred yards away to the north east.

<sup>16</sup> The National Archives - WO-95-1224-1 1st Battalion Welsh Guards War Diaries.

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/> 1436270.

<sup>18</sup> Brandhoek Military Cemetery is located in Belgium 6.5 km west of Ieper (Ypres) town centre on the Branderstraat, a road leading from the N308 connecting Ieper to Poperinge. During the First World War, Brandhoek was within the area comparatively safe from shell fire which extended beyond Vlamertinghe Church. Field ambulances were posted there continuously and the Military Cemetery was opened early in

May 1915 in a field adjoining the dressing station. It closed in July 1917 when the New Military Cemetery was opened nearby, to be followed by the New Military Cemetery No 3 in August 1917. Brandhoek Military Cemetery now contains 669 First World War burials. The cemetery was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield.

<sup>19</sup> Commonwealth War Graves Commission Casualty Details [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)