

THOMAS CHARLES JONES

Birth 1899 at Blackheath

Son of David and Annie Jones, of 7 Aislibie Road, Lee, Kent. His mother later lived at 8 Blackheath Rise from 1918 until 1837. David was an artist. Thomas attended Lee Church of England School

Apprentice JONES, THOMAS CHARLES, Mercantile Marine United Kingdom. S.S. "City of Paris" (Glasgow) Mercantile Marine. Died Saturday, April 7 1917, Age 18, TOWER HILL MEMORIAL.

War Service:

An apprentice in the Mercantile Marine on board the S.S."City of Paris" (Glasgow). The SS "City of Paris" was built in 1907 for the Ellerman line. In 1915 all British merchant ships were commandeered by the Navy and so became targets for torpedoes.

The SS City of Paris was on its way back from India with cargo and 13 passengers en route to Marseilles. On 4 April 1917 after receiving several coded messages that enemy submarines were in the area, she was torpedoed by U35 off Cap d'Antibes. The submarine surfaced and called for the Captain, who could not be found. She then opened fire on the ship before sinking it with a second torpedo. Only life boats with the dead were found and a total of 122 died. Thomas was 18.

Location of Memorial:

He is commemorated on the memorial at St Margaret's, Lee WWI and the Merchant Navy Memorial at Tower Hill, which commemorates men and women of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets who died in both World Wars and who have no known grave.

Dates: 1899 - 1917