

The Merseys

“Sorrow”

When I was in the band “The Motives” somehow or other we got a booking at The Blues Room, which was housed in the Angel, Edmonton, long since demolished. It was a well-attended and popular little venue that was served by most R & B outfits. Of course we were honoured to back The Merseys who had just released their massive hit single ‘Sorrow’, which has since been covered a couple of times. The Merseys were a humble, encouraging lot of Scousers.

I had then a Selmer PA System, and a Sure 5 to 5 microphone which I was still paying for . One of The Merseys asked if they could borrow it for their own act. Naturally I was privileged to lend it to him. After the show one of them asked, if we would like to go to a party with them, sadly and foolishly (I now think), we declined. The Merseys were an unforgettable band, and very professional. They were born of The Mersey Beat Sound , and I’ll never forget bands like The Big Four , The Three Most, and Terry and The Face Makers (haha) and last but not least , The Seekers who had a hit or two with songs like “ Sweets for my Sweets”, these bands are unforgettable.

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