

Frank Humphries

Sergeant, Royal Field Artillery. Reservist; mobilised August 4th, 1914. Had served six years in the Regulars before the war. Employed first twelve months in England drilling recruits. Sent to France, August, 1915; went through many of the battles. Met with an accident while on service, June 17th, 1919, and died at Valenciennes Hospital, June 17th, 1919. Buried in Valenciennes Cemetery. Awarded 1915 Star, General Service and Victory Medals.



FRANK HUMPHRIES WAS born in Corsham in 1890; his father Arthur was a stone mason originally from Atworth and his mother was Louisa Jones from Corsham. In 1891 they were living at the Linleys next to Claremont College, and Frank had two elder sisters, Louisa and Ellen, and two brothers, Frederick and Albert. By 1901 the family had moved to Broadstone Cottages in Corsham, with the addition of daughters Annie and Clara and sons Samuel and John. Arthur and Louisa had ten children altogether.

Frank had left home by 1911 and according to *War Records of Corsham* was by then already established in military service. In 1912 he married Florence Bull in Petersfield, Hampshire, and they had a daughter, also Florence, in March 1913.

Frank was mobilised as war was declared in August 1914 and was in the Royal Field Artillery, serving for most of the war in France. He was a Sergeant when he died in a military hospital at Valenciennes in Northern France on 17th June 1919. He is buried in Valenciennes Cemetery.