

## *Frederick Arthur Hemmings*

Private, 5th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment. Killed in action at the Persian Gulf, April 9th, 1916. General Service and Victory Medals.



FREDERICK HEMMINGS was born in Corsham in 1896. His mother was Kate Elizabeth Hemmings, the unmarried daughter of Worthy and Ann Hemmings.

In 1901 Frederick was living with his grandparents in Bences Lane in Corsham. Worthy was described as a general labourer. By 1911 Worthy was a widower but was still living in Bences Lane with Fred, who was now, at the age of 14, a baker's errand boy.

Fred signed up for the Army in Trowbridge, and it is known from his medal records that he was in the 5th Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment in the Balkans in November 1915. He was reported as wounded and then dying from those wounds on 9th April 1916. He was only 20. He is buried in the Basra Memorial Cemetery in Iraq. His personal effects were left to his mother Kate Elizabeth.