

Walter Henry Fennell

Private, 10th Battalion Devon Regiment. Enlisted at Warminster, September, 1914. Served in France and Salonika. Killed in action at Salonika, April 24th, 1917. Awarded 1914-15 Star.



WALTER FENNEL was born in 1897 in Bromham. His parents were Alfred (Fred) and Sarah Ann (Annie), formerly Edwards; Alfred was a bricklayer working for a local builder. Walter was part of a large family that lived in the Chantry in Bromham – the 1911 census reveals that there were fifteen children in total, of whom twelve were then still living. At the age of 14 Walter was listed as an ‘odd boy working with a domestic gardener’.

War Records of Corsham records that Walter enlisted at the start of the war, when he would have been 17. He joined the Devon Regiment and served in France and then in Northern Greece as part of the British Salonika Force. He was killed in action on 24th April 1917, in the First Battle of Doiran. He was 20 years old. He is remembered on the Doiran Memorial in northern Greece.

Walter is named in *War Records of Corsham* and on the War Memorial, but there is no obvious link to Corsham in his records. His parents Alfred and Sarah in Bromham were recorded as his next of kin.