

## *Frederick Bryant*



Private, 4th Battalion City of London Regiment. Enlisted September 13th, 1915, in London. Served in France. Killed in action in the attack on the Hindenburg Line, June 6th [*sic*], 1917. General Service and Victory Medals.



**F**REDERICK BRYANT WAS born in Corsham in 1888. His parents were James, also born in Corsham, and Fanny (née Hazel) who came from Sutton Benger. James was a stone sawyer and in 1891 the family, which included children Emily, Gilbert, Edith, Agnes and Frederick, lived in Pickwick Road. By 1901 they had moved to Pound Pill, with Frederick, now aged 13, working as an errand boy and his brother Gilbert as a stonemason's apprentice. James was still working at the stone quarry and Edith and Agnes were at school. The 1911 census shows James and Fanny still living

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in Pound Pill with only one child, Agnes, still living at home, working as a glove maker. Frederick, who was now 23, had moved away and was working as a mason in Brighton.

His service records suggest that he was in London when he enlisted for the Army in 1915, and his parents' address was recorded as Ivy Dale, Pickwick Road. He was allocated to the 4th Battalion London Regiment Royal Fusiliers, which was established out of Shaftesbury Street in Hoxton, London, and would, before mobilisation, have been involved in guarding the London and South Western Railway between Waterloo Station and Basingstoke.

Frederick was reported as killed in action in France on 16th June 1917 (not the 6th, as stated in *War Records of Corsham*) while attached to the 2nd/3rd Battalion of the London Regiment, which would have been during operations against the Hindenburg Line. He is remembered on the impressive Arras Memorial.