

Frederick Duck

Private, Royal Marine Light Infantry. Enlisted September 1st, 1916. Served with the 63rd Battalion R.M.L.I. in France. Killed in action at the Battle of Arras, May 28th, 1917. General Service and Victory Medals.



FREDERICK DUCK was born in 1898 in Trowbridge. His father, William, was a groom and coachman, originally from Calne, and his mother Emma (née Clatworthy) came from Devon. Frederick had an elder sister Bessie and a brother Albert. They were all living in Corsham by 1901 – they had a house in Westrop at that time but by 1911 they were living on Hastings Road. Bessie was a dressmaker and Albert was a butcher; Fred was still at school.

Fred enlisted for war service on 1st September 1916, when he was 18 years and 8 months old. He was a Private in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, joining the Plymouth Division. He served in France and according to *War Records of Corsham* he was attached to the 63rd Battalion of the RMLI, fighting at the Battle of Arras when he was killed in action on 28th May 1917 – he was only 19.

Frederick Duck is remembered at the Arras Memorial, Pas-de-Calais.