

Frederick James EARLEY

Born: 1891, Northwood

Parents: Frederick J Earley and Maria Moorman.

Last known address: Spring Cottages, Marks Corner, Northwood

Last known occupation: Baker's assistant

Service number: 39105 **Regiment:** "A" Company, 12th Battalion
Hampshire Regiment

Service history summary:

- enlisted: Winchester, date unknown
- rank: Private
- decorations: British War Medal and Victory Medal

Died: 25th April 1917 **Age:** 26

Commemorated: [Doiran Memorial, Greece](#)

Family: Frederick Earley was the eldest son of son of Frederick J and Maria Earley who were married in 1888 at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Newport. Their eldest daughter, Helena, only lived two years and there are no marriage records for the other children on the Island with the possible exception of Albert. A Harry Albert Earley married Queenie Eva Ivy Knight in 1927.

Brothers: Arthur John (1895) and Albert Harry (1898)

Sisters: Helena Miriam Emma (1889-1892) and Mabel Daisy (1892),

Northwood/Gurnard connection: Frederick Earley was born in 1891, at 3 Spring Cottages, Marks Corner. His father, Frederick senior, was a brickyard labourer, appearing on the 1901 census with other family members. In 1911 Frederick senior (56) was working for the Rural Council. Also living with the family was Emma Moorman (76), a widow, Maria's mother. Mabel was a domestic servant for a family in Ryde. The family were still living at Spring Cottages in the 1920s.

War record: Frederick James enlisted for service in Winchester, serving with the 12th Battalion Hampshire Regiment. This battalion was formed in October 1914 and was initially sent to France in September 1915 but was soon moved to Salonika in Greece, arriving on November 25th and remaining until the end of the War. Frederick was killed in action during the first Battle of Doiran on April 27th 1917. This was a largely unsuccessful assault by Allied Forces on a heavily defended Bulgarian defence and was the scene of many deaths. 12,000 were killed, wounded or captured, many of whom died from disease, due to the unhealthy malarial conditions. Frederick was noted as missing in the *Isle of Wight County Press* of June 26th 1917. After the War a notice was placed in the *County Press* of April 23rd 1922 saying

In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Fred. J. Earley, Hants Regiment, of Marks Corner, Northwood, who laid down his life on 25th April 1917.

From his loving mother, father, sister Daisy and brothers John and Harry.

His brother, John Arthur Earley, was awarded the Military Medal, survived the war and died in 1974.