

Dawlish World War One Project

"The funeral took place at Dawlish on Thursday afternoon, and was largely attended. As the body had been brought home, military honours were not accorded the deceased at the funeral, but the coffin was escorted from the hospital at Coventry to the railway station there by soldiers.

The Rev W P Alford (vicar) officiated, and the full choir attended as a mark of respect. The hymn, "Brief Life is here our portion," was sung in procession as the coffin was borne into the church, and "The Son of God goes forth to War" after the lesson. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack.

The chief mourners were Mr and Mrs W Bond (father and mother), Misses Ellen and Edith Bond (sisters), Mr and Mrs C Bond (uncle and aunt), Mrs Burrige (aunt), Mrs Ellis (cousin), Mrs Branch (cousin), Mrs G Shilston, Mrs W Rich and Mrs Saunders. Amongst those attending were Pte. P Snell*, R.F.A., Messrs D Anderson, H Saunders, F Luckham, H Widger, R Hill*, H S Loram, A J, G H and C Cox, A Davey, F S Lear, E A Border, P H Foster and R Cornelius. Mr J F King presided at the organ and played the Dead March in "Saul" at the close of the service." (* died later in the War)

"The large numbers of wreaths, etc., were from the following:- From his sorrowing parents and sisters, Aunt Susan and family, Jim and Annie (Devonport), Aunt Emma and Cousins (Newton Abbot), The Sisters at Hill Crest Hospital; the members of the Dawlish Red Cross Hospital, from all at the "Cliffs" (a beautiful floral Union Jack), The Rev W P and Mrs Alford, Mr J Lamshead and family, Mrs H Radford and family, Mr and Mrs H Ferris and Mrs W J Lamshead; his chum Charlie Comer, Royal Garrison Artillery (Malta); Messrs A J and G H Cox, Mrs Shilston and family, the Misses Seymour, (Whitely, Coventry), Mr and Mrs Finzel and the Misses Finzel (Teignmouth), Mr and Mrs Thorp and family, from his fellow workmen, from Miss M V Hill ("Broadwater"), Mrs Guest, Mr and Mrs Rabbage, Driver R S Lisy, R.A.M.C , Nurse at Brook House, J and A (Merrivale Lodge), the gardener at Merrivale Lodge, Mrs Saunders, Mrs W Davis, Miss R Pillar, from his chums, from Lance-sergt. W Maunder, 1st Devons.

Messrs A J and G H Cox carried out the funeral arrangements. The floral Union Jack which excited so much admiration was the work of Mr Frank Cornelius, the Strand Florist."

The UK, Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects records that he died at Hill Crest Hospital, Coventry. A Death Grant of £4-15s-9d was sent to his father, William, as was the War Gratuity of £3 in 1920.

The Commonwealth War Graves entry reads: Bond, Frederick William, Private, 1275, died 23/05/1915, age 20, Royal Army Medical Corps. Grave in Dawlish Cemetery, plot ref 2346

Dawlish War memorial inscription is: BOND F.W. PTE. R.A.M.C.
He is listed in the Devon Roll of Honour which shows death occurring in Coventry.
His name is included on the Dawlish Boys' School Roll of Honour (Dawlish Community College)

Devon Heritage site info: (The Wessex Field Ambulance 1914 War Memorial (Exeter Cathedral))

