

George Knapman

40392 Private 1st Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers
50483 Suffolk Regiment
20168 Devon Regiment



Born 1897 Dawlish

Son of John William Edward Arthur Knapman and Amy Knapman
Of 14, Priory Terrace, Dawlish.

1901 The family were living in Houndspool. His father was born in South Tawton and was the manager of a pub/cider store. His mother was born in Throwleigh.

Brother Maurice and John. Sister Dora A. All were born in Kenn

In 1911, they were living at 46, High Street, Dawlish. Father was manager of Cider Merchant's. Son's George and Maurice were his assistants. John was an apprentice ironmonger

Enlisted London

Died 24th April 1917 Killed in action France/Flanders
Commemorated: Arras Memorial at Faubourg-D'amiens Cemetery, Arras, France

Victory medal



British medals



Royal Dublin Fusiliers during World War 1

The Regiment raised 11 Battalions and was awarded 49 Battle Honours and 3 Victoria Crosses, losing 4,780 men during the course of the war.

1st Battalion

04.08.1914 Stationed at Madras.

19.11.1914 Embarked for the U.K. From Bombay arriving at Plymouth

21.12.1914 and moved to Torquay.

Jan 1915 Moved to Nuneaton to join the 86th Brigade of the 29th Division.

16.03.1915 Embarked for Gallipoli from Avonmouth via Mudros.

25.04.1915 Landed at Helles and engaged in various actions against the Turkish Army including;
1915

First, Second & Third Battles of Krithia, the Battle of Gully Ravine, the Battle of Krithia Vineyard, the Battle of Scimitar Hill.

30.04.1915 Amalgamated with the 1st Royal Munster Fusiliers due to heavy casualties to form a composite battalion known as the 'Dubsters' as part of the 87th Brigade.

19.05.1915 Resumed its identity.

01.01.1916 Evacuated from Gallipoli to Mudros due to severe casualties from combat, disease and harsh weather.

08.01.1916 Moved to Egypt.

13.03.1916 Embarked for France from Alexandria arriving at Marseilles

19.03.1916 and engaged in various actions on the Western Front including;
1916

The Battle of Albert, The Battle of the Transloy Ridges.

1917

The First Battle of the Scarpe, The Second Battle of the Scarpe, The Third Battle of the Scarpe, The Battle of Langemarck, The Battle of Broodseinde, The Battle of Poelcapelle, The Battle of Cambrai.



The Arras Memorial is in the Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, which is in the Boulevard du General de Gaulle in the western part of the town of Arras.

The cemetery contains over 2,650 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, 10 of which are unidentified.

The adjacent ARRAS MEMORIAL commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7 August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and have no known grave. One of the most conspicuous events of this period was the Arras offensive of April-May 1917.