

## Frederick Robert Kingdon

286416 Sapper of "G" Depot Company, Royal Engineers

Son of William and Mary Ann Kingdon  
Lived at 51, Manor Row, Dawlish  
Father was a gardener, born in Silverton, Devon.  
Mother born in Sowton near Exeter.



Born 1890 in Dawlish at 8, Brook Street

1891 Brothers Charles W was a carpenter and Arthur George, a mason.  
Sisters were Annie and Alice.  
A boarder lived with them – Robert Routley from Sowton – also a gardener.

In 1901, they were living in 36, Manor Row.

In 1911, only Frederick was still living at home. He is single and working as a plumber. Arthur is boarding with a family in Rainhill, Lancs and working as a plasterer and slater in the County Asylum.

Died 18th March 1919 age 29 (accidental death)

### Medals



Victory medal



British war medal

### Buried in Dawlish

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"G" Depot Coy. Royal Engineers. 18th March,  
1919. Age 29. Son of William and Mary Ann  
Kingdon, of 51, Manor Row, Dawlish. 724.

Sapper, Royal Engineers. "G" Depot Coy.

Age: 29. Service No: 286416.

Son of William (b.1852) and Mary Ann (nee Routley) Kingdon, of 51, Manor Row, Dawlish, who married in 1882; Frederick Robert Kingdon lived in Dawlish in 1891 & 1901 with his parents; Frederick Robert Kingdon's Death record in England is 1st Q 1919 Newton Abbot 5b.196 Aged 29; Medals Card on file; (He was the Brother of Kingdom, Arthur George: Royal Engineers No: 6886 Rank: Sapper 1914-1920 WO 372/11; SEE ALSO: Kingdon, Arthur G: Royal Engineers No: T6886 Rank: Sapper 1914-1920 WO 372/11)

### **Preparation for the Battle of Arras 1917**

From October 1916 the Royal Engineers had been working underground, constructing tunnels for the troops in preparation for the Battle of Arras in 1917. Beneath Arras itself there is a vast network of caverns called the boves, consisting of underground quarries and sewage tunnels. The engineers came up with a plan to add new tunnels to this network so that troops could arrive at the battlefield in secrecy and in safety. The size of the excavation was immense. In one sector alone four Tunnel Companies of 500 men each worked around the clock in 18-hour shifts for two months.



Dawlish Cemetery