

## George KNAPMAN

Born Kenn, 1896  
Private 40392

Died France, 24 April 1917, aged 20  
Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

**George** was the son of John William Edward Arthur Knapman (1865-1945) and Amy Endacott (1866 - ). They had four children, Maurice (1893- ), John (1895- ), Dora A (1896- ) and **George** (b St Thomas district, 1896, Oct-Dec, Vol 5b, page 70).

John W E A Knapman was born in SouthTawton and was the son of a farmer. He married Amy Endacott (born in Throwleigh) in 1892 and was the manager of a cider store, which the census record has altered to "Pub". In 1901 the family was living at Houndspool, West Dawlish but they moved to be at 46 High Street in 1911.

**George's** military record suggests that he may first have joined the Devonshire Regiment (quoted in UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War) and then the Suffolk Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion as a Private no 50483. Later he transferred to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, as Private 40392. His Medal Roll Index Card only refers to the two latter regiments.

The regiment was involved in the Battle of Arras in April 1917 and the Arras Memorial contains his name among others.

A Death Grant of £4. 11s. 8d was paid to his father, as was a War Gratuity of £7. 0s. 0d. The family were then living at 14 Priory Terrace, Dawlish which is the address given for him when he died on 19 August, 1945 at Mill House, Zeal, South Tawton.

Commonwealth War Graves entry: KNAPMAN, GEORGE Private 40392 24/04/1917  
Age: 20 Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 1st Bn. Panel Ref: Bay 9. [Arras Memorial](#)  
Son of John William Edward Arthur and Amy Knapman, of 14, Priory Terrace, Dawlish, Devon.

**George Knapman** is included in the Devon Roll of Honour for Dawlish and on the Dawlish Boys' School Roll of Honour.

Dawlish War memorial inscription: KNAPMAN G. PTE. RL DUBN FUS.

Last known address: 46 High Street, Dawlish

Next of kin: Father, John William Edward Arthur Knapman

### References:

Text provided by Sheila Ralls, among documents

Birth Marriage Death records

Refs via subscription site Ancestry:

Census records

Medal Rolls Index Card

UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War

UK, Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects

Ireland, Casualties of the Great War