

Private Frank Samuel Dart

19th December 1917

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On Wednesday news was received of the death, in hospital near Manchester, of Pte Frank S Dart, after a long illness. Deceased, who was aged 24, was the youngest son of the late Mr John Dart, and of Mrs Dart, Reed Cottage. He went to India with the Territorials in 1914, and subsequently volunteered for active service in Mesopotamia. Whilst there he met with an accident, breaking his leg. Fever and other complications ensued, and he was sent to Egypt and from thence to England. Altogether he was in hospital 18 months. For the past four weeks he had laid in a very critical condition, and his death was not unexpected. The deceased was a fine swimmer and water poloist, besides being a good footballer. Many will long remember the remarkably keen and evenly-contested races between Dart and Harry Hartwill for the swimming championship of Dawlish. Both had few equals for their age in the County. The former was better at the sprint races, whilst the latter excelled at the longer distances. In the end "honours were easy" between the two. Many Dawlish lads scattered far and wide in the Empire's service will hear with regret of the death of a former school and playmate in the halcyon pre-war days.

Deaths.

DART.—Dec. 19th, at Moorlands Hospital, Manchester, after a long and painful illness, Pte Frank Samuel Dart, 5th Devon (T.F.), youngest son of the late John Dart and of Mrs Dart, Reed Cottage, Dawlish, aged 24. Funeral to-day (Saturday), leaving the house at 2 o'clock.

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MRS. MARY DART begs to return grateful thanks to many friends for the kindness shown to her in her sad bereavement, and for the beautiful wreaths sent.
Reed Cottage, Dawlish.

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Obituary.

PTE F S DART.

The mortal remains of Pte Frank Samuel Dart, Devons (T.F.), were interred at the Dawlish Cemetery on Saturday last. The body was brought from Moorlands hospital, Manchester, the previous day, and was rested at the residence of deceased's mother, Mrs Dart, Reed Cottage, for the night. Before leaving, an affecting service was held at the hospital, amongst the hymns sung being "Abide with me," "O God our help in ages past" and "Jesu, lover of my soul." Out of 2,500 patients who have been treated at the institution, this is the first death that has occurred. About 100 of the men walked in procession to the station after the service.

The burial service at Dawlish was conducted by the Rev F Simmons (vicar), assisted by the Rev S Garrett (curate). The local platoon of the 4th Battalion, D.V.R. attended, under Second-Lieut. L. Lees. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack. The chief mourners were Mr J F Dart (brother), Mr J Dart, R.N. (brother), Mr R Dart (uncle), Mr F Dart (uncle), Mr R Dart, junr. (nephew), Messrs Knight, Murch and Loram.

The beautiful floral tributes were from the following:—"To my darling son, in loving memory," from his Mother and Mary; "In loving memory," from Fred, Helena and family; from Jack, Peg and family; In affectionate remembrance, from his broken-hearted sweetheart, Eva; With deepest sympathy, from the Staff and fellow Comrades at Moorlands Hos-

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pital; from his Comrades at Norwood Thorncliffe, auxiliary to Moorlands Red Cross hospital—"Death is swallowed up in victory;" from his sorrowing sister, Nell and little Harry; Sincere sympathy, from Aunt Emily and Uncle Tom; from Aunt Sue and Cousin Ern,—his nephews, Sid, Ethel and Phyllis, and his cousin, Charles Dart, and Wife; "With deepest sympathy," from Mr and Mrs Avery and family, Mr and Mrs H S Loram and family, Mrs C Towill and Miss Towill, Mr and Mrs Cotton (Brookdale), Miss Bond and Tiny Back; also from Alice, Frank and Corpl. F Knight; Uncle Sam and Aunt Emma; His old pal, Pte W West, Palestine; Aunt Louie and Cousin Em; and Miss Chown (Newlands).

The near relatives feel deeply grateful to the matron and staff of Moorlands Hospital for the great kindness shown to the deceased and for the sympathetic consideration shown to themselves.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs A J and G H Cox.
