

Private George Knapman

14th April 1917

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THE GREAT SACRIFICE.

It is with deep regret that we have to chronicle the deaths, whilst gallantly fighting for their country and the cause

of the Allies, of three more Dawlishians, viz.:

George Knapman, Private, — Fusiliers (transferred from the 1st Devons).

C. M. S. ("Maurice") Peters, Private, H.A.C.

George West, Corporal, Australian Expeditionary Force.

The keenest sympathy will be felt with Mr and Mrs W Knapman, of 47 High Street, much-respected residents, in the loss of their youngest son, who was aged 20. For 12 months he was in the Home Force. He was then passed for active service, and was home quite recently on draft leave. He was only a few weeks in France, and went into action on the 23rd April and was killed the following day. An officer of his Company communicated the sad news to his parents, at the same time forwarding deceased's pocket book, etc. Before joining up, deceased was in the ironmongery trade, and learnt the rudiments of the business at Mr J Shapter's. He was an unassuming young man, liked by everyone. Mr and Mrs Knapman have had an anxious time during this war. Their eldest son has been at the front since the early days of hostilities, and their second son, Jack, has been invalided out of the Wessex R.A.M.C. as a result of wounds, chiefly an injury to one of his eyes.

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MR. & MRS. W. A. KNAPMAN & FAMILY
desire to return thanks for all kind sympathy
received in their very great bereavement.

14 Priory Terrace, Dawlish. 9th May, 1917.