

Frederick William Bond – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1915

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We deeply regret to have to record the death of Pte. F W Bond, of the 1st Wessex Ambulance Company. Deceased is the only son of Mr and Mrs W Bond, of Old Town Street. His father is a sides-man at the Parish Church. He is the first Territorial who has died during the war. He was one of the brave band who early volunteered for active service. He was badly wounded in the left arm by shrapnel ten weeks ago. There was every hope at first of his making a good recovery, although he might never had the full use of his arm again, but a little over a week ago tetanus set in. He was removed by motor from a hospital at Birmingham to one at Coventry. There he rallied somewhat, and when seen by his mother and sister towards the end of the week was bright and cheerful and able to speak to them. On Sunday, however, he was suddenly taken worse and died in a few hours. Much sympathy is felt with the parents and family. Deceased was an apprentice with Messrs A J and G H Cox when the war broke out. He was aged 20.

The funeral took place at Dawlish on Thursday afternoon, and was largely attended. As the body had been brought home military honours were not accorded the deceased at the funeral, but the coffin was escorted from the hospital at Coventry to the railway station there by soldiers. The Rev W P Alford (vicar) officiated, and the full choir attended as a mark of respect. The hymn, "Brief Life is here our portion," was sung in procession as the coffin was borne into the church, and "The Son of God goes forth to War" after the lesson. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack. The chief mourners were Mr and Mrs W Bond (father and mother), Misses Ellen and Edith Bond (sisters), Mr and Mrs C Bond (uncle and aunt), Mrs Burridge (aunt), Mrs Ellis (cousin), Mrs Branch (cousin), Mrs G Shilston, Mrs W Rich and Mrs Saunders. Amongst those attending were Pte. P Snell, R.F.A., Messrs D Anderson, H Saunders, F Luckham, H Widger, R Hill, H S Loram, A J, G H and C Cox, A Davey, F S Lear, E A Border, P H Foster and R Cornelius. Mr J F King presided at the organ and played the Dead March in "Saul" at the close of the service.

The large numbers of wreaths, etc., were from the following:- From his sorrowing parents and sisters, Aunt Susan and family, Jim and Annie (Devonport), Aunt Emma and Cousins (Newton Abbot), The Sisters at Hill Crest Hospital; the members of the Dawlish Red Cross Hospital, from all at the "Cliffs" (a beautiful floral Union Jack), The Rev W P and Mrs Alford, Mr J Lamshead and family, Mrs H Radford and family, Mr and Mrs H Ferris and Mrs W J Lamshead; his chum Charlie Comer, R.G.A. (Malta); Messrs A J and G H Cox, Mrs Shilston and family, the Misses Seymour, (Whitely, Coventry), Mr and Mrs Finzel and the Misses Finzel (Teignmouth), Mr and Mrs Thorp and family, from his fellow workmen, from Miss M V Hill ("Broadwater"), Mrs Guest, Mr and Mrs Rabbage, Driver R S Lisy, R.A.M.C , Nurse at Brook House, J and A (Merrivale Lodge), the gardener at Merrivale Lodge, Mrs Saunders, Mrs W Davis, Miss R Pillar, from his chums, from Lnce-sergt. W Maunder, 1st Devons.

Messrs A J and G H Cox carried out the funeral arrangements.

The floral Union Jack which excited so much admiration was the work of Mr Frank Cornelius, the Strand Florist.