

Fred Law

Fred was born 1893, he lived in Dolmans Cottage with his father Anthony who was an agricultural labourer, his mother Mathilda and his twin brothers Edgar and Cecil.

He was a private in the 6 Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers (formerly 13191 Wiltshire Regiment) his number was 3177. He died in Gallipoli, on 15th August 1915 along with his friend Albert Painter.

The first of the Royal Munster Fusiliers arrived at the Dardanelles, Turkey on the SS River Clyde on the 25 April 1915, with heavy losses on both sides during the landing and subsequent fighting. By the middle of July taking trenches, losing them and retaking them again continued on both sides. More new drafts arrived to replace casualties but this did not relieve the intense hunger thirst and exhaustion suffered much of the time. A months rest was promised on the 15th July but by 22nd July they were back in action. The climax came in August in the Battle of Scimitar Hill, the last great battle of the campaign, the Turks inflicting severe casualties, the scrub bushes then catching fire killing many wounded and others taking cover. The unsuccessful attack cost the Munsters 79 men and three officers that day alone. Fred and Albert among them.