



Frank R Dunkley

Son of Henry and Eliza Dunkley, siblings John, Herbert, Edward, Edith, Frederick, Emily and Arthur.

At the time of Frank's death his parents would also be worried about two other sons who are serving, a son who is a prisoner-of-war, and a son-in-law fighting in France. They all survived.

"Many Harborians will remember Gunner Dunkley's prowess on the football field and also on the running track. He frequently played for Harborough Town FC" MHAAdvertiser

Date enlisted 25/10/1915
Place enlisted Dover
Initial service no. 60586
Initial regiment Royal Garrison Artillery
Date entered France 31/03/1916
Final Rank Gunner
Date of death 01/04/1917
Cause of death Died as a result of wounds
Died at age 25
Cemetery: Barlin Communal cemetery
Ext Pas de Calais France

In his diary of 1917 Frank writes that food is scarce, sardines on toast were a treat rarely enjoyed. The best food comes in occasional parcels from home. Letters from friends and relations at home eagerly awaited.

In between battles time was spent de-lousing clothes, writing letters and playing cards.

"The last entry was written in Frank's diary on 30th March, that was the day my Father Arthur Dunkley met him. Frank was on sentry duty and he asked his brother to fetch some cigarettes from the NAAFI. When Dad returned to the spot a lone shell had blasted a crater and Frank had been taken to a field hospital" Joyce Dunkley a member of this church and Frank's niece has shared family memories.

Frank died the following day.

