

FRED JAMES

**Private
25720**

**1st Battalion, King's Shropshire Light Infantry,
died on
Thursday 21st March 1918
aged 32**

FRED JAMES
is commemorated on the
ARRAS MEMORIAL
France

***. Additional information in the
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register***

Son of Mrs. Julia James, of 2, Evendine Cottage, Colwall;
husband of Mary A. E. James, of 2, Evendine Cottage, Colwall, Malvern.

The Arras Memorial is in the Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery in Arras. The Memorial commemorates 35,928 war casualties of the British, New Zealand, and South African Forces of the Third Army who died on the Arras front between Spring 1916 to August 7th 1918 and have no known grave. The design by Sir Edward Lutyens is built up on Doric columns and the names of the casualties are carved on stone panels on the cloister walls.

Frederick Handy is commemorated on Bay 7.



**Ledbury Guardian
& Herefordshire Advertiser**
Saturday 13th April 1918

District Intelligence

COLWALL

Private Frederick James, King's Shropshire Light Infantry, third son of Mrs James, Frome Cottage, Colwall Green has fallen in action.

**Ledbury Reporter
& Farmer's Gazette**

Saturday 13th April 1918

COLWALL MAN KILLED

Mrs M James has been notified that her husband Private F James KSLI was killed in action on March 22nd. He was the third son of Mr and Mrs J James, Froome Cottage Colwall Green and had been married about 18 months. He went to France in January 1916 and was transferred from the Herefordshire Regiment to the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, He was in hospital at the time of the offensive, but rejoined his regiment and was hit on the head by a piece of shrapnel and died immediately. His other brothers are serving one in France and the other in Egypt.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
JAMES. Fred	H.L.I.	Pte	25720
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	J/1/102	2526	
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Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

Fred James was born in Coddington in 1885 one of the eight children of William and Julia James. William was a wheelwright and carpenter. In 1901 Fred was living with his sister Emily who was aged 20, and a younger brother and two younger sisters at Pit House, Colwall. Emily was a plain sewer and Fred was a gardener's boy. In 1911 Fred was living with his widowed mother in Yew Tree Terrace Colwall. Fred was a domestic gardener. Fred married Mary Ann Elizabeth Heath in Colwall in July 1916. Fred enlisted in Ledbury and joined the Herefordshire Regiment. He was transferred to the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. He was killed in action in March 1918 and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial.

Frederick Handy, John Lett and Edgar Gittens of Colwall are also commemorated there.

His brother-in-law William Heath died in February 1919 and is buried in Colwall churchyard.