

Lance Corporal Frederick Harris

8903, 2nd Battalion Hampshire Regiment



Frederick Harris was born in Overton, the son of Alfred Harris, a shoemaker living in the High Street. Before the War Frederick was a farm labourer living with his widowed mother, Elizabeth and two sisters, Beatrice Evelyn and Kathleen Hilda, who were mill hands and a brother, Albert George, a pedlar. An older brother, Ernest, was in the navy.

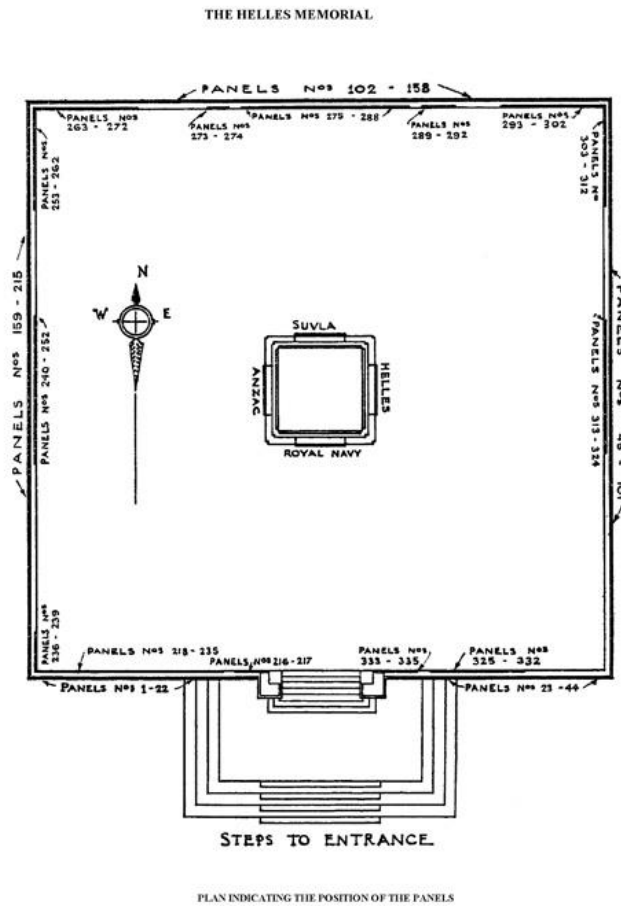
The Hants & Berks Gazette of 19th June 1915 reported:

Killed in action. Another Overtonian who went to the Front, Corpl. F Harris, son of Mrs Harris of High Street, has unfortunately fought his last fight, his name recently appearing in the list of those killed in action. Deceased joined the Hants Regiment previous to the war, and had been at the front for some time. He was a smart soldier and was doing well. Much sympathy is felt for the mother, who is a widow and dependent on her sons, the elder of whom has served 18 years in H. M. Navy, for the past few years acting as gunnery instructor in the Australian Navy.

The Regimental War Diary shows they were fighting the Turks near Krithea, near Thessaloniki. On 8th May 1915 the company advanced with fixed bayonets. They came under raking fire from hidden trenches and machine guns. They were forced to withdraw before dawn. Frederick, aged 23, was among six killed.

Frederick is commemorated on the Helles Memorial on the tip of the Gallipoli peninsula. The memorial takes the form of an obelisk over 30 metres high that can be seen by ships passing through the Dardanelles. Hampshire Regiment men are commemorated on panels 125-134, 223-26, 228-229 and 328.

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Frederick was awarded the British Medal, the Victory Medal and the 15 Star.

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HARRIS	21 Hampshire	Lieut	8905
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Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
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Date of entry therein	25 - 4 - 15		

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