

DEATH OF PTE. F. BOUTWOOD

It is with regret that we have to announce the death, in a military hospital at Portsmouth, of Pte. Frank Boutwood, of the 1/5th Bedfordshire Regiment, on Saturday, October 23rd, from dysentery, contracted while at the Dardanelles.

He was invalided home about five weeks ago. For the first fortnight his progress was very satisfactory, but, unfortunately, complications set in, and he peacefully passed away in the presence of his relatives, whom the hospital authorities had hastily summoned.

His letters home were always bright and cheerful, and he seldom referred to his experience while out there, but he seemed to feel very keenly the loss of his mates, who were constantly falling by his side. Just before he passed away he remarked several times to his brother, "I have done my bit," a fact which seemed to afford him great satisfaction. He was an old Territorial, therefore his friends were not surprised at his re-enlistment soon after the outbreak of the war.

He was for many years manager of the wire department of the firm of J. J. Haye and Co., George-street, but at the time of enlisting was in the employ of A. and F. Higgins, Bute-street.

Pte. Boutwood was the fourth son of the late Wm. Boutwood, manufacturer, of Alma-street, Luton, and his brother, Staff-Sergt. W. Boutwood, is now serving in France. He mourn their loss.
