

Ansty Roll of Honour
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918




ALFRED WILLOUGHBY SEABORNE


of Worcester, Worcestershire

Date/place of birth	July 1889 Worcester, Worcestershire	5
Birth registered	Sept Q 1889 Worcester Reg District 6c 281	2
Baptised		
Father	William Seaborne of Leonard Stanley, Gloucestershire. Married Sept Q 1879 Cirencester Reg District 6a 601	2
Mother	Mary Ann (nee Woolley) of Cirencester, Gloucestershire	2
Siblings	Millicent and Edith Mary	5
1891 Census	Milton, East Knoyle. Age 1. Father's occupation Carpenter	5
1901 Census	New Town, West Tisbury. Age 11, scholar. Father's occupation Household Carpenter	5
1911 Census	Brockhurst, W. Didsbury, Manchester. Age 21, occupation Domestic Servant	5

Rank	Private	3
Regiment	16 th (Service) Battalion (Public Schools) Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own)	3
Enlisted	Marylebone London, 14 April 1915. Residence at time of enlistment 20 Portman Square, London W (Service Record)	
Service Number	PS/1929	3
Medals	14-15 Star / British War / Victory	4
Date of Death/Age	9 July 1916 age 26	3
Cause of Death	Died of Wounds	4
Burial/Memorial	Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No 1, France. Grave Ref 11.C.22	3



Alfred Seaborne was a Signaller with the Middlesex Regiment



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Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
SEABORNE	Middx R	PL	19/1929
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Medal	Insl.	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	6/1/02	4	530
BRITISH	do	do	do
15 th SEAB	4/15	18	3, 198

Battle of Albert 1-13 July 1916
(Opening phase of the Battle of the Somme)

On 1st July the 16th Battalion Middlesex Regiment were in the supporting wave during the 29th Division's attack on Beaumont Hamel and, like the leading battalions, the Middlesex advanced into withering German machine gun fire. A few men reached the German barbed wire, but got no further; most were cut down or trapped in no man's land. After nightfall those that were pinned down near the German wire were rounded up and made prisoners of war.


There were some 60,000 British casualties by the end of that dreadful day; 20,000 were fatalities. Of these, the Middlesex Battalion suffered 522 casualties. 1st July 1916 was an unparalleled disaster in British military history.

War Diary, 16th Battalion Middlesex Regiment, France, 8th July 1916
"Battalion takes over trenches ENGELBELMER Sector (KNIGHTSBRIDGE) from 2nd Hants Regt & South Wales Borderers. Relief completed by 7pm. Casualties, o.r. wounded 3."

Alfred Seaborne was one of the three men wounded on 8 July 1916. He died of "paralysis" the next day at 35 Casualty Clearing Station Doullens.

£4.10/- War Gratuity paid to Mary Ann Seaborne, sole legatee (mother)

Commemorated: Memorial Plaque St James' Church, Ansty



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1 = Parish Registers
4 = Medal Index Card

2 = GRO Register
5 = 1891/1901/1911 Census

3 = Commonwealth War Graves Commission
6 = UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919