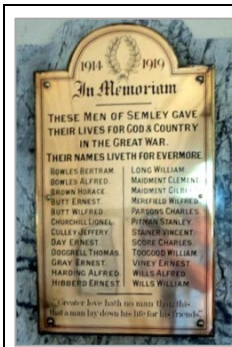


Semley Roll of Honour
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918



Baptist Chapel Plaque



Royal Naval Memorial, Plymouth

GILBERT JOHN MAIDMENT

of Semley, Wiltshire

Date/place of birth	5 April 1900 Semley (Semley School Admissions Register)	
Birth registered	June Q 1900 Tisbury Reg District 5a 196a	5
Baptised	17 June 1900 St Leonard's Church Semley	1
Father	William Gilbert Maidment of Semley. Married Dec Q 1896 Mere Reg District 5a 475	5
Mother	Ellen Caroline (nee Sheppard) of Newton Toney Wilts	5
Siblings	Jane and Rose	2
1901 Census	Oyster's Farm, Semley. Age 11 months. Father's occupation Labourer on farm	2
1911 Census	Oyster's Cottage, Semley. Age 10, at school. Father's occupation Cowman on farm	2

Rank	Boy 1 st Class Royal Navy HMS Indefatigable	3
Enlisted		
Service Number	J/45254 (Dev)	3
Medals		
Date of Death	31 May 1916 age 16	3
Cause of Death	Died at sea as a result of enemy action	3
Burial/Memorial	Royal Naval Memorial Plymouth, Devon. Panel 13	3



Rose Maidment's
Headstone:
"He gave his life for
his home and
country"

"There was a terrific explosion aboard the ship, the magazines went. I saw the guns go up in the air just like matchsticks - 12" guns they were - bodies and everything. She was beginning to settle down. Within half a minute the ship turned right over and she was gone. I was 180 foot up and I was thrown well clear of the ship otherwise I would have been sucked under. I was practically unconscious, turning over really. At last I came on top of the water. When I came up there was another fellow named Jimmy Green and we got a piece of wood, he was on one end and I was on the other end. A couple of minutes afterwards some shells came over and Jim was minus his head so I was left on my lonesome."

Part of a recollection by Signaller C Falmer, one of only two survivors from HMS Indefatigable, Battle of Jutland, May 1916

May 31st in loving memory of Gilbert John Maidment, only beloved son of William Gilbert and Ellen Caroline Maidment, St James Parish, Shaftesbury, late of Semley, who lost his life on board HMS Indefatigable in the Naval Battle of the North Sea, aged 16 years. *Western Gazette June 23 1916*

When Gilbert's sibling Rose died seven years later, she was buried close to her grandparents in St Catherine's churchyard Sedgehill; her ornate headstone remembers her younger brother with the touching lines

"Gilbert John Maidment, who lost his life in the Jutland Battle May 31st 1916. He was a Boy 1st Class in the Royal Navy on board HMS Indefatigable. He gave his life for his home and country"

Commemorated: Semley Baptist Chapel Plaque



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