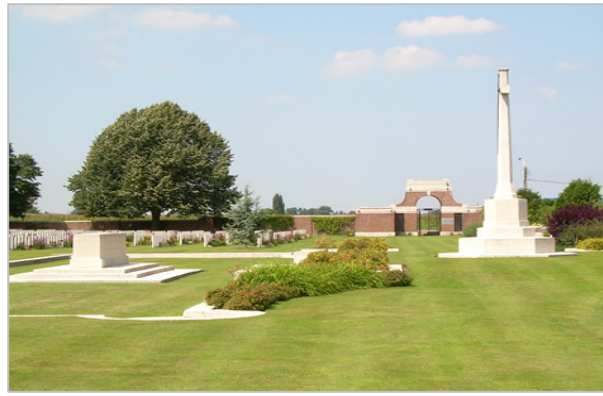


Sedgemoor Roll of Honour
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918



Alfred Sidney Harding



Poelcapelle British Cemetery, Belgium

ALFRED SIDNEY HARDING

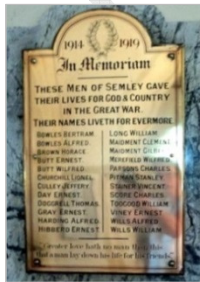
of Sedgemoor, Wiltshire

Date/place of birth	1882 Sedgemoor	2
Birth registered	Sept Q 1882 Mere Reg District 5a 226	5
Baptised	Baptised 24 Sept 1882 St Catherine's Church Sedgemoor	1
Father	Thomas Baker Harding of Sedgemoor. Married 21 Aug 1878 Sedgemoor	1
Mother	Mary Ann (nee Harding) of Sedgemoor	1
Siblings	William, (Alfred Sidney), Agnes, Edith, Arthur John, Mary Ellen, Walter, Sarah Jane, Ernest	2
1891 Census	Nr. Corner Farmhouse, Sedgemoor, Wilts. Age 8, at school. Father's occupation Farm Labourer	2
1901 Census	Butterstokes, Sedgemoor, Wilts. Age 18, single, occupation Stable Help	2
1911 Census	Hugger's Hole, Semley, Wilts. Age 28, single, occupation Haulier's Carter	2

Rank	Private	3
Regiment	1/8 th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment	3
Enlisted	Gillingham Dorset, 8 December 1915 (Residence at time of enlistment Castle Hill Lane, Mere)	6
Service Number	306722 (formerly 5045 3/8 th Bn Royal Warwickshire Regiment)	3
Medals	British War / Victory	4
Date of Death	27 August 1917 age 35	3
Cause of Death	Killed in Action	3
Burial/Memorial	Poelcapelle British Cemetery, West Flanders, Belgium. Memorial Ref: XL11.C.19	3



Alfred's parents were still living at Hugger's Hole Semley in 1918



Baptist Chapel Plaque

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
HARDING	R. War. R.	Private	306722
Alfred S.			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	L/104 B 15	3154	
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Alfred Harding joined the 3/8th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment in late March 1916.



He would have completed about 4 months training at home before he was sent to France to join 1/8th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment in July 1916.

On 31 July 1917 the Allies launched a renewed assault on German lines in the Ypres region of Belgium. The assault began more than three months of brutal fighting. In the first two days of the attack the Allies made significant advances. The offensive was renewed in mid-August, though heavy rains and thickening mud severely hampered the effectiveness of Allied infantry and artillery and prevented substantial gains over the majority of the summer and early fall.

The eventual capture of the village of Passchendaele on 6 November ended the offensive with the Allies claiming victory, despite 310,000 British casualties. 1/8th Royal Warwickshire Regiment took part in the Battle of Ypres, or Passchendaele as it is more often known; it was here Alfred lost his life.

February 1918

Alfred's mother received her son's possessions: a letter, 2 mirrors and a religious book

£6 War Gratuity paid to Mary Harding (mother, sole legatee)



Commemorated: Semley Baptist Chapel Plaque, Mere War Memorial (right)

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1 = Parish Registers
4 = Medal Index Card

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

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