

Alfred Hardman

Gunner, Royal Field Artillery

Alfred Hardman, shown as Albert in some records, was born on 29th June 1892 in Dymock and baptised in St Mary's just over a month later on 14th August. Alfred was the second son of this family to lose his life at the Somme, just 18 months after his brother Edwin was killed in action. His father, Andrew was a platelayer on the Railway, and his mother's name was Emma. The family were recorded as living at Shakesfield at the time of Alfred's birth but by 1911 had moved to Timberhill Farm. In 1911, Alfred, now using the name of Albert, was employed as a Railway Porter and living as a boarder in Gloucester with other railway workers in a household of another railway employee. Alfred was part of a large family with 7 sisters, Florence, Ruth Mary, Myra May, Bertha, Minnie, Hilda Mercy and Lillian. He also had 4 brothers, Edwin who had been killed earlier in the war, Gilbert Sydney, and Walter who was also killed later in the war and Dennis Leslie.

Alfred was killed in France on 25 October 1916 and is buried in Contay British Cemetery. His Military Number was 3243.

He is commemorated on the Dymock War Memorial and also on the Dymock Roll of Honour in St Mary's Church.

Campaign Medals:

Victory Medal



British War Medal



RECORD DETAILS FOR
ALFRED HARDMAN
ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY



Surname	Hardman
Name:	Alfred or Albert
Service:	British Army
Military Unit:	Royal Field Artillery
Rank and number:	Gunner , 3243
War:	World War 1
Duty Location:	France & Flanders
Date of Death:	25/10/1916
Age on Death:	24
Memorial:	CONTAY BRITISH CEMETERY
Memorial Location:	The Somme, France
Gender:	Male
Date of Birth:	29/06/1892
Birth Place:	Dymock
Baptism:	14/08/1892
Ecclesiastical Parish:	Dymock
1911 Census Admin Area:	Gloucester
Occupation (1911)	Railway Porter
1914 Home Address:	Merthyr Tydfil
Birth County & Country:	Gloucester
Father's Name:	Andrew
Father's Occupation:	Platelayer GWR
Mother's Name:	Emma
Siblings:	Florence (!883), Ruth Mary (1886), Myra May (1888), Gilbert Sidney (1891), Edwin(1895) (Also killed), Bertha (1894), Minnie (1894), Walter (1896) (Also killed), Hilda Mercy (1897), Lilian (1898), Dennis Leslie (1900)