

# *Harold Harris Edwards*

*Lance Corporal, 1st Battalion,*

*Gloucestershire Regiment*



Harold was born in 1881 and baptised in Newent on 4 September 1881. His father, Alfred, was a brickmaker and his mother was Ann Maria who came from Kempsey, but is shown on Census records as being born in Hook Norton, Oxfordshire.

Harold's military records claim that he was born in Dymock and in the 1891 Census he is recorded as living with his family in Windcross Cottage. He had two older sisters, Florence and Mabel, an elder brother, George, and four younger siblings, Gertrude, Ellen, William and Rosa who were all born in Dymock.

By 1891 his father was a platelayer in the railway and it seems likely that the family had moved from Newent to Dymock about 1882, shortly after Harold was born, at the time when the railway through Dymock was under construction.

It is known that Harold died on 1 June 1916 whilst serving in France. He was 34 years old, one of the oldest from our village to lose his life in the Great War. He is buried in the Maroc British cemetery in Greney, France. He is commemorated on the Dymock War Memorial and also on the Roll of Honour displayed in St Mary's church.

His Regimental number was 26037.

## Campaign Medals:

From his military records, it is presumed that he would have been eligible for the award of the medals shown below, but it is not known if they were presented to his family. His family would also have been eligible to receive the Commemorative medal and scroll from HM King George V.

**1914/15 Star**



**Victory Medal**



**British War Medal**

