

IN MEMORY OF ALFRED OVERS

DIED IN ACTION 18 DECEMBER 1914

Unable to identify Harbury address after 1893
NO PLAQUE

Alfred was born in High Street, Harbury 1877 to shoemaker John Overs and his wife Sarah.

In 1893 Alfred first enlisted in the army, joining the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. His forms record a relatively short man, standing only 5'5" (though he did lie about his age, being only 16 as opposed to his professed 18 years), with grey eyes and brown hair.

For the next 21 years Alfred served throughout the British Empire. He was part of Kitchener's Army at Khartoum (now in Sudan) in 1898, and later served in the Northwest Frontier of India during the Zakka Khel campaign of 1908.

In May 1914 he was honourably discharged from the army.

On the outbreak of the Great War in August 1914, Alfred was re-called to the army as an experienced soldier. He was killed in action on 18 December 1914 and is remembered on the Ploegsteert Memorial near Ypres.

Alfred is further remembered through the naming of Overs Grove off Bush Heath Lane.



Harbury World War 1 Memorial Trail

Remembering the men of Harbury parish who fell during the first world war in service of their country.

