

## Harry Flint (April 1887 - 16 September 1916)



Harry was the son of Harry and Emily Clara Flint (nee Leakey) who married on 19 March 1882 in St Martin's in the Fields, Westminster, London. Both Harry senior and his wife Emily were born in the Newington area of south London.

Harry and Emily had 6 children but only 4 survived into adulthood. Their eldest child, Emily Sarah, born in 1882, died at the age of 9 and their youngest child, Pearl Florence, born in 1901, died at the age of 5. Young Harry would have been aged 5 when his eldest sister died and 13 years old when the youngest, Pearl, passed away. His three surviving siblings were Florence Annie born in Croydon in 1884, George, also born in Croydon in 1890 and lastly, Ruby Emily, born in Fulham in 1896.

Harry, senior, was a police constable. In 1901 the family were living at 88 Worple Road, Isleworth. At that time Florence Annie was aged 16 and working as a "Daily Nurse Domestic" while young Harry, aged 13, was employed as a "Doctors Errant Boy" (sic).



Mark 1 tanks on 15 September 1916  
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By the time of the 1911 Census Harry senior and Emily had moved to 82 Haliburton Road, Isleworth. Harry senior is recorded as a Police Pensioner at the time aged 48. He acted as a Coroner's officer for the Heston-Isleworth district and in 1916 was undertaking duties in the Hounslow section. Daughter Florence, age 26, had married George Kettlewell in 1910 and was living at number 47 Haliburton Road. Son Harry, aged 23, was single and living at 82 Haliburton Road with his parents and younger sister Ruby Emily, aged 14. He was working as a "Collector Saleman Furniture" at the time. He was employed at John Perring's Furniture establishment in Twickenham for 13 years before he enlisted. He was a traveller for the firm.

Harry enlisted in the Coldstream Guards at Walham Green in September 1914. He was given the rank of Lance Corporal. He went to France with his regiment in March 1915 and participated in the Battle of Loos (25 September-15 October 1915). In September 1916 his battalion was at Ginchy on the Somme in France. On 15 September at 6.30am the Coldstream Guards advanced towards Lesboeufs. They gained more than 1000 yards under heavy machine gun fire but more than 440 were killed, wounded or missing. This advance marked the beginning of the Battle of Flers-Courcelette in which tanks were used for the first time on the Western Front. Harry was killed in action on 16 September 1916 when he was aged 29. He is commemorated at the Guards' Cemetery at Lesboeufs in France, also on Heston War Memorial. **Right:** 82 Haliburton Road, Isleworth in 2016

