



*Holt*

*World War I Casualty Biographies*

**HARDING, Eric Hunt**



Eric Hunt Harding was born at the beginning of 1893, at Holt, to Harry and Annie (nee Hunt) Harding. Both his parents had been born at Holt, although there was 7 years between them.

The 1911 census shows Eric living with his parents, sisters, Edith, 15, and Phyllis, 12 and brother Harry, 8. Eric was 18. He was working with his father as an art metal smith and farrier. On 25th April 1912 Eric left Wiltshire to travel to Montreal, Canada, on the Ionian, to work as a farmer.

**A Canadian Recruit.** - A recent letter from Canada contains the information that among the latest recruits is Mr. Eric Harding, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding of Hamcroft. Mr. Eric Harding left this country for Canada some three or four years ago. He settled near Moose Jaw, in Saskatchewan, where

he was doing well. On the outbreak of war he made several attempts to enlist, but the rush was so great that he was unsuccessful. Now at last he has been accepted, and he will probably come over with the next Canadian Contingent.

Wiltshire Times  
8th May 1915. Page 4.

*Private Eric H. Harding has died of wounds received at Passchendaele on November 12th 1917. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding, of Hamcroft, and was 24 years old*

Wiltshire Times  
24th November 1917. Page 7

Eric Harding is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery Belgium  
Grave Reference XXII HH 17

Private Eric Hunt Harding, 441162, 8th Canadian Battalion (Manitoba Regiment)

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