

# Sutton Veny

## Roll of Honour



*Lest we Forget*

### World War I



**PO/2527(S) PRIVATE RMLI.**

**H. BARTER**

**ROYAL NAVAL DIVISION**

**8TH OCTOBER, 1918 AGE 37**

*God Takes Our Loved Ones*

*From Our Homes*

*But Never From Our Hearts*

## Harry BARTER

Harry Barter was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1880 at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire to parents Joseph & Ellen Barter (nee Young). His birth was registered in the March quarter, 1880 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire. Harry Barter was baptised at Sutton Veny on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 1880. Joseph Barter had married Ellen Young at Sutton Veny on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1860.

The 1881 England Census recorded Harry Barter as a 1 year old living with his family at Lower (?) Rd, Winterbourne, West Gloucester. His parents were listed as Joseph Barter (Builder, Grocer, Beer Retailer, employing 3 men, aged 48) & Ellen Barter (aged 43). Harry was the youngest of 7 children listed in this Census – all boys – John (aged 19, Assistant), Joseph (aged 17, Assistant Beer Retailer), Frank (aged 15), Arthur (aged 12, Scholar), James (aged 7, Scholar), Tom (aged 5, Scholar) & Harry. Both parents & all the children were listed as being born at “Sutton Ferry”, Wiltshire.

The 1901 England Census recorded Harry Barter as a 21 year old, single, Brewer’s Clerk living as a Lodger at Baynton House, Bromham, Wiltshire. The head of the house was listed as Eleanor A. Marvin (aged 37, widow) & her 2 sons – George R. (aged 11) & Walter A. (aged 9). Also listed was Mabel Burrige (Visitor, aged 24) & 2 other Lodgers – Caleb Manners (Widower, aged 69, Dealer & Commission Agent) & Mary Maynard (aged 23, National School Teacher Assistant).

The 1911 Census recorded Harry Barter as a 31 year old, single, Brewers Clerk living with a married couple – Israel (Retired Roadman, aged 78) & Ann Clements (aged 64, married for 18 years & no children) at The Leaze, Bromham, Chippenham, Wiltshire which was a 3 room dwelling.

Harry Barter married Winifred Annie Akerman in the June quarter, 1913 at St. Nicholas, Bromham/Chittoe. Their marriage was registered in the district of Devizes, Wiltshire.

Harry Barter attested at Devizes on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 1915 at the age of 35. His religion was listed as Church of England & he was employed as a Commission Agent. He was given the rank of Private & a service number of PO/2527(S). Private Harry Barter was attached to the Royal Marine Light Infantry - “D” Company of Royal Marines Depot from 27<sup>th</sup> October, 1917 to 9<sup>th</sup> December, 1917. He was transferred to “H” Company of 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve, Royal Marine Light Infantry Battalion from 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1917 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1917. He was attached to same Company from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1918 to 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1918 & during this period it was noted on his records that he was “recommended for Medal and Gratuity and for R.F.R.” with a date of 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1917. During the period from 27<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1918 – Pte Harry Barter’s character was marked as very good. Private Harry Barter was attached to 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Marines Battalion, Royal Naval Division of Royal Marine Light Infantry from 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1918 when he was in the draft for 1<sup>st</sup> Rm. Bn. BEF (British Expeditionary Force) from 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1918 & was attached to C Company, 9<sup>th</sup> Platoon, 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Marine Battalion. The Royal Marine Light Infantry was part of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Royal Navy Division & comprised of 2 battalions – the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Marine Light Infantry & 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Private Harry Barter was killed or died as a direct result of enemy action on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1918, aged 37 years. The Royal Naval Division 1914-1918 records note that Pte Harry Barter was reported as missing, later reported as killed in action. His next-of-kin – his wife was informed of his death on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1918. Another notation on his records states “Killed in action or died of wounds on or shortly after 8/10/18”.

Private Harry Barter was buried in Proville British Cemetery, France – Grave No. I. C. 23. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Harry Barter, PO/2527(S), of 1<sup>st</sup> R. M. Bn. R.N. Div., Royal Marine Light Infantry, as the husband of Winifred A. Barter, of New Rd., Bromham, Chippenham, Wilts.

Probate was granted on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1919 in the London Registry – “Barter, Harry of New-road, Bromham, Wiltshire, Private Royal Marine Light Infantry died 8 October, 1918 in France on active service. Probate – London 22 February to Winifred Annie Barter, Widow. Effects £372 9s. 10d.”

Private Harry Barter was entitled to the British War & Victory Medals. His medals were issued to his widow – Mrs Winifred Barter. A War Gratuity of £5 was paid to Pte Barter’s widow on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1920.

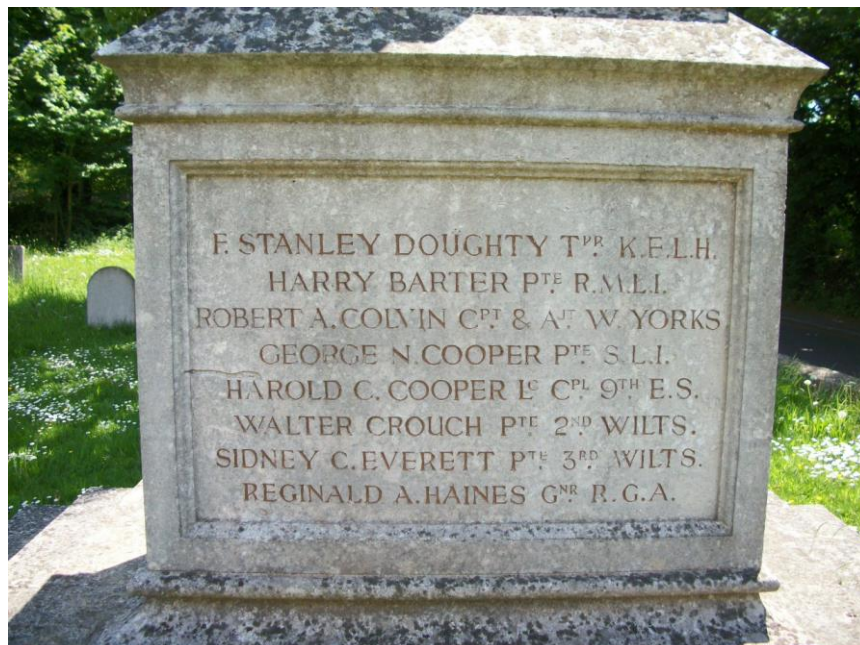


**British War Medal & Victory Medal**

H. Barter is honoured in the Casualties of World War 1 Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book for the parishes of Sutton Veny & Bromham.

Pte Harry Barter of Royal Marine Light Infantry is listed on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers for the Tower of Bromham, Wiltshire.

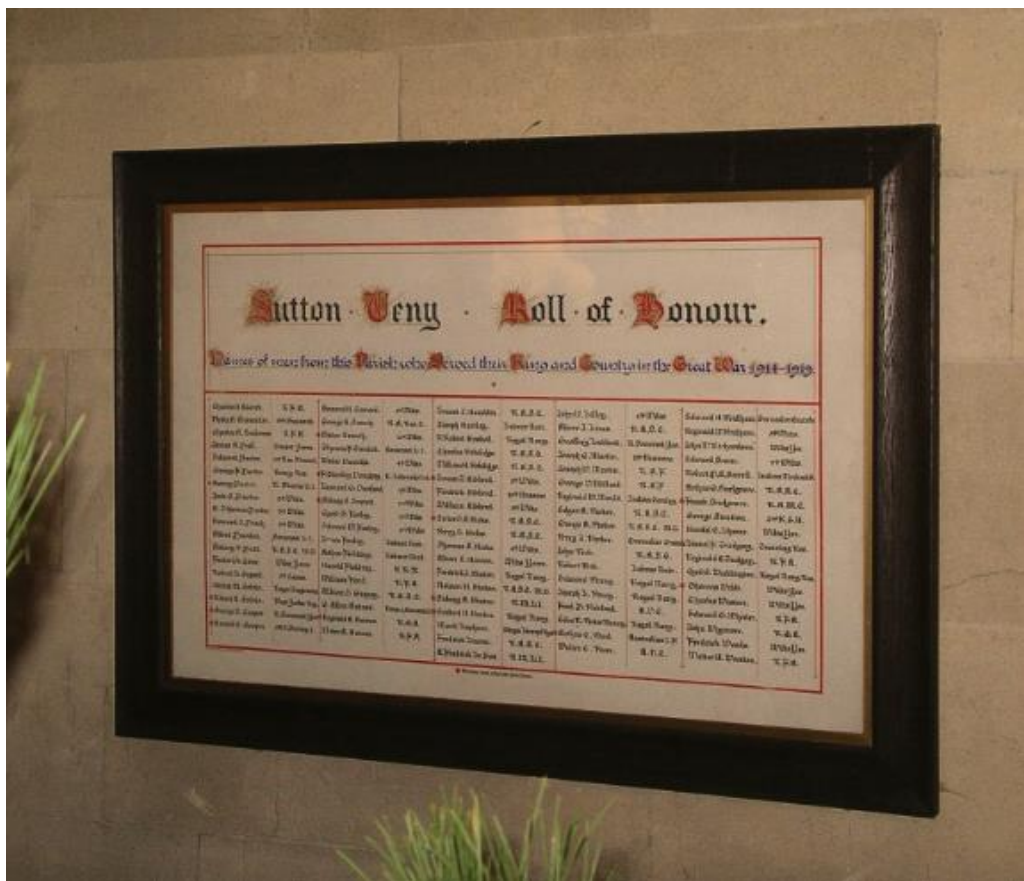
Harry Barter, Pte, R.M.L.I. is also remembered on the Sutton Veny War Memorial.



**Sutton Veny War Memorial** (Photos by Andrea Charlesworth 2012)

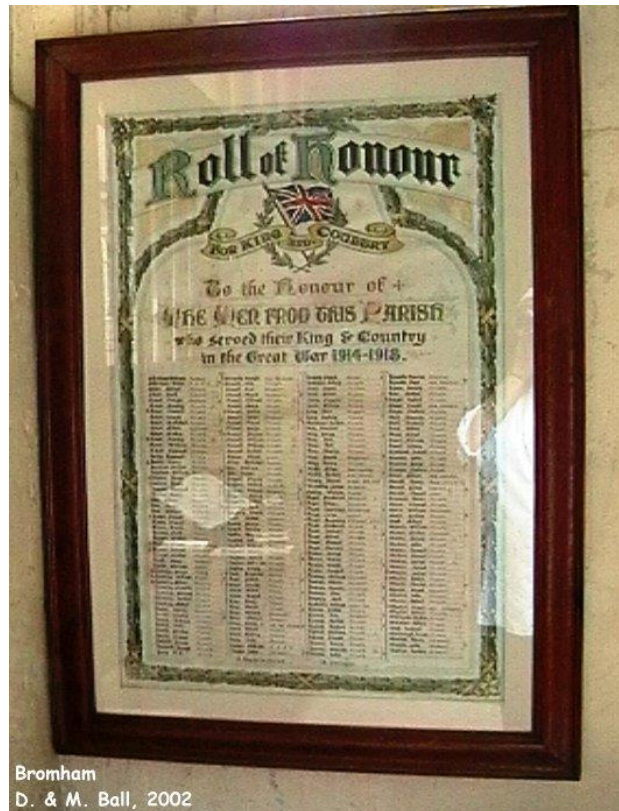


Harry Barter is remembered on the 1914 -1919 Roll of Honour located inside St. John the Evangelist Church at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



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Harry Barter is also remembered on the Bromham Roll of Honour located inside the Church of St. Nicholas, Bromham, Wiltshire.



**Bromham Roll of Honour** (Photo from D & M Ball 2002)



## Proville British Cemetery, France

Proville is a village adjoining the town of Cambrai in the Department of the Nord.

The village of Proville was captured on 8-9 October, 1918 and the cemetery was made in the same month by the 61st Division and the 8th North Staffords. It was increased after the Armistice when 21 graves were brought in from the battlefields west of Cambrai. The dates of death are from the 20th September to the 19th October.

Proville British Cemetery now contains 149 First World War burials, 27 of them unidentified.





**Proville British Cemetery** (Photo from CWGC)



Pte Harry Barter's CWGC headstone located in Proville British Cemetery, France.



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