

# U.K HARMER FAMILY REUNION 2015

## 5 SEPTEMBER 2015, HERSTMONCEUX, EAST SUSSEX



45 members of the Harmer Family Association gathered together at Herstmonceux Village Hall on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

Apart from renewing friendships and catching up on family history they had the opportunity through the main display to remember those family members who sacrificed their lives in World War 1. The display included the HFA's poppy that was one of the 888,246 in "**BLOOD SWEEPED LANDS AND SEAS OF RED**" at the Tower of London between 5<sup>th</sup> August and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014.



The memorial board to the members of the Harmer family whose death is commemorated on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website.

Three other boards featured Harmer stories from 1915 and the Harmers of Cottishall, Norfolk, England.

Below is one of the 50 pages from the display.

## HERBERT CHARLES MAPLESTON HARMER

Herbert who was a private in the 11<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Queen's, Royal West Surrey Regiment was killed in action in Belgium on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1918 . He was the only child of George and Margaret (nee Maplestone) Harmer and was 2 months away from celebrating his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday when he died.

At the time of the 1911 census he was a 15 year old apprentice photographer. He seems to have had a girlfriend, Ina Brown whom he called Peggy as in July 1917 he sent her the following card

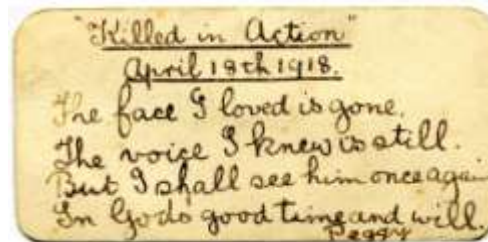


Carte Postale addressed to Miss Ina Brown – “To Ina, Peggy, from Bertie. France 29/7/17”



On the back it says “To Peggie with love. From Bertie, Trouville, France, 1917”

Which one is Bertie?



Peggy who was only 18 at the time of Bertie's death went on to marry Reginald Harris in 1926.