

## SIDNEY HARRISON

Although Sidney was born in Wellesbourne on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1899, was baptised there on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1899, and was living there at the time of the 1901 census, he was a resident of Combroom for most of his life.

At the time of the 1911 census he was recorded as living at 25 Church Street, Combroom with his mother Annie and his sister Blenethyne. His father, George, was not recorded there so was, presumably, elsewhere at the time of the census.

Sidney attended Combroom School and is recorded on the school Roll of Honour. He left school in 1913 with age exemption.

He enlisted at Warwick in September 1917 in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, where he was a rifleman. He left for France on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1918 and joined the 12<sup>th</sup> Royal Irish Rifles on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

He was killed in action at Houtegern on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1918, aged 19 years.

He was buried and is commemorated at Harlebeke New British Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

After his death a former vicar of Combroom, Rev Henry Liveing, had Sidney's Catechisms bound, in several volumes, and sent them to his mother to give her some comfort in her loss.

*The catechisms were obviously written over a period of several years, ending in 1915. They are beautifully handwritten by Sidney and were marked highly by the person who assessed them. They are now in the possession of one of his nephews.*

In Memory of

Rifleman

## Sydney Harrison

52548, 12th Bn., Royal Irish Rifles who died on 25 October 1918 Age 19

Son of George and Annie Harrison, of 20, Combroke, Wellesbourne, Warwick.

Remembered with Honour

Harlebeke New British Cemetery



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