

HARRIS, Philip

Philip Andrew Harris was born in Membury in December 1885. His parents were William Harris, born 1863 in Axminster, and Amelia born in Lyme Regis.

In 1891, the family lived at Waterloo Cottage, Turfmoor, Membury: William (26 an agricultural labourer), Amelia (28), Philip A (6), Beatrice A (4) and William R (2).

In 1901 the family lived at Lewis Cottage, Membury. There was William (working as a stone quarryman) and Amelia, with children Beatrice A, William R, Job and Frank aged 5.

In 1911 William, Amelia and Frank lived at Groveland, Membury.

On 26 September 1904 Philip aged 17 and 11 months enlisted in the Royal Marines Light Infantry (reg. 13183). He married Annie Nicholls from the Plympton area on 27 May 1910 in Plymouth.

In 1911, Philip (26) and Annie (21) were living in barracks at 5 Hobart St East Stonehouse.

His 3 brothers, William, Job and Frank also served in the war, Frank died in hospital in Northern France in October 1916. By this time, their parents were living at Hope Cottage, Membury.

Philip's record shows that he spent most of the war in the Plymouth division Ajax. Throughout his service his character is reported as being very good and he was demobilised on 21 March 1919.

Philip Harris died aged 78 in 1963 (reg: Devizes, Wiltshire)