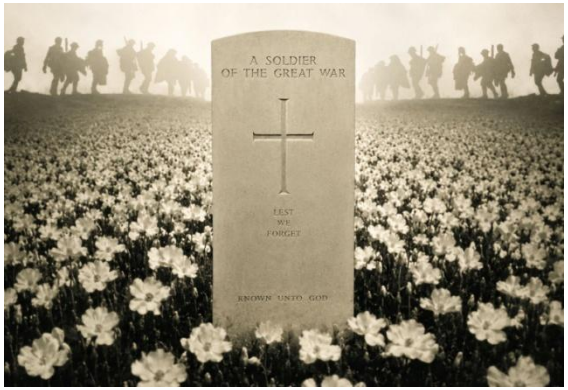






Harry Pendry Boreham

1889/90 – 1918

Civilian Research

Field Name	Field Data	Source of data
Casualty Name	Harry Pendry Boreham	CWGC
Date of Birth	C1889/90 Born in Pinner Baptised 26/1/1890 Parish of Pinner	GRO 1911 census Baptism register
Date of Death (from Spreadsheet)	16/4/1918	CWGC
Age at death (from Spreadsheet	28	CWGC
Marital Status		
Children (if any)		
Parents	Son of Harry White Boreham and Emma	CWGC

	Boreham, of "Coverdale," Lower Park Rd., Hastings	
Listed Address(s)	Balvaig, Green Lane, Northwood, Middx	1911 census and obituary for his grandfather, George Pendry – it was his house
Parents /Fathers occupation	Railway Clerk for the L&NWRy	1911 census
Brothers and Sisters	Emmeline Irene Boreham (older)	1911 census
Years at John Lyon School		
University (if any)		
Obituary	Not found one yet	
Additional sources of data		
War Memorials:	On north wall, Emmanuel Church, High Street, Northwood, Hillingdon. The memorial is to him only. Details below:	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/1558433
	East Window, Emmanuel Church, High Street, Northwood, Hillingdon – a list of 76 names including his	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/225380
	John Lyon School plaque	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/memorial/11204
	John Lyon School sundial	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/memorial/11318
	I would have thought there was a railway memorial somewhere that mentions him. The LN&W Railway erected a war memorial outside Euston station but it contains no names. Over 3000 of their staff died in the war (of the 37,000 who went to war). A paper roll was created with a copy given to each family. There is a copy online	Wikipedia https://lnwrs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/PUBS0001-ROLL-OF-HONOUR-Copy.pdf

Military Research

JLS WWI RoH	BOREHAM H.P.
CWGC Reference	https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/874751/boreham,-harry-pendry/
Age	28
DoD	16-Apr-18
Rank	Lt
Regiment	Middlesex Regiment 18th Bn
	PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL
Location	Hainaut, Belgium
Military details	Son of Harry White Boreham and Emma Boreham, of "Coverdale," Lower Park Rd., Hastings. Lieutenant Boreham was killed in action by rifle fire early in the morning. His unit, acting as a pioneer battalion, was heavily engaged in defensive operations when German forces broke through and gained a footing in the village. While his Company Commander attempted to launch an unsuccessful counter-attack to check the enemy's advance, Lt. Boreham was shot and killed alongside his fellow officer, 2nd Lt. H. C. Bradbury, who was killed by artillery shellfire. He died in the vicinity of Méteren, a village in the Nord department of northern France, near the Belgian border.Because his body was not recovered or could not be identified after the intense fighting, he has no known grave. He is officially commemorated on the Loos Memorial (Panel 105 to 111) in Pas-de-Calais, France, which honors over 20,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers who fell in the area with no known resting place.

Story of Sacrifice

Harry Pendry Boreham (1890- 1918)

Harry Boreham was a Lieutenant in the 18th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, who was killed by rifle fire near Méteren, France, on 16 April 1918 while his unit was engaged in defensive operations and a counter-attack against advancing German forces.

Civilian Life

Harry Boreham was born in Pinner and baptised there on 26 January 1890. He was the son of Harry and Emma Boreham. In 1911, the family was living in a house called Balvaig in Green Lane, Northwood, Middlesex, it was the home of his grandfather, George Pendry. His father worked as a railway clerk for the London and North Western Railway.

Military Life

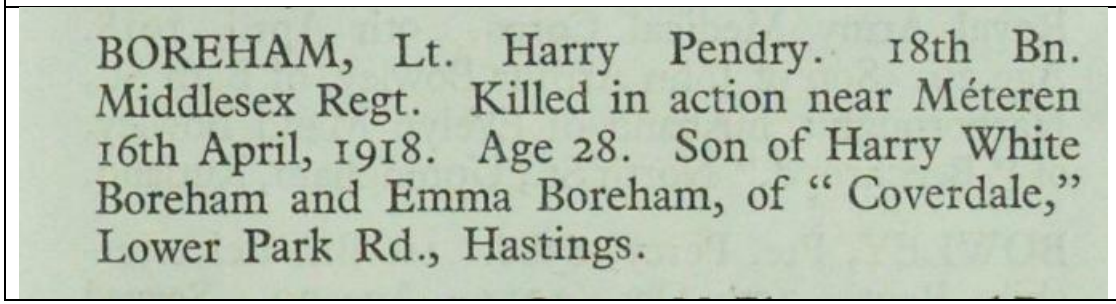
During the First World War, Harry served with the 18th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, a pioneer battalion. He held the rank of Lieutenant. The battalion was heavily engaged in defensive operations during the German advance in April 1918. On April 16, 1918, during the Battle of the Lys the 18th (1st Public Works Pioneers) Battalion, Middlesex Regiment launched a heroic counter attack near Meteren. Supported by French armoured cars, they successfully pushed forward to the main road despite heavy machine-gun fire. German forces had broken through and gained a position in the village. During the fighting, Harry's company commander attempted a counter-attack to check the advance. Harry was killed by rifle fire alongside fellow officer Second Lieutenant H. C. Bradbury, who was killed by artillery shellfire. Harry was 28 years old. His body was not recovered or could not be identified after the fighting, and consequently he has no known grave. He is commemorated on the Loos Memorial in Pas-de-Calais, France. A memorial at Emmanuel Church, Northwood records that Harry was “killed leading his men in a counter attack” near Méteren on 16 April 1918 and gives his age as 28. The plaque reads:

To the Glory of God And in Loving Memory of Harry Pendry Boreham
Lieutenant 18th Middlesex Regiment Pioneers
Only beloved son of Harry White and Emma Boreham
Who was killed leading his men in a counter attack near Meteren, France,
on the 16th April 1918, aged 28 years.
“Alike in Peace and War One Path He Trod. His Path was Duty, and His Guide was God.”

He is also commemorated on the Loos Memorial and on the memorial at John Lyon School. Our research does not record an occupation for Harry before his military service, nor does it establish details of university education or marriage.

Notes and Clippings

Plaque on the north wall, Emmanuel Church, High Street, Northwood, Hillingdon	
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Grave registration	
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The following is an AI description of the battle:

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