

# Harold Randolph Hill

**Born:** 1897 35 Sunnyside. Hambrook. **Died** 1916

**Lived:** 25 North Street, Downend. Gloucestershire.

**School:** Whiteshill School Hambrook

**Parents:** Albert Hill (Teacher of Music)  
Caroline Hill

**Brothers:** Arthur C . 1888 – 1916  
Herbert. (Bert) L. 1892 -1923  
Fredrick W Hill 1895 - 1980

**Sisters:** Winifred M. 1890 - 1969  
Amy. 1898 – 1984

**Occupation:** Soldier : Sapper

Harold was killed aged just 20, in August 1916 by a torpedo in the trenches.

**1<sup>st</sup> Downend Boy Scout Group.** Harold was one of the five young men to die at the front who had been members of the scout group who raised money for a small war memorial to their friends, which still stands in Downend.

**Harold** had sent home a postcard just before his death describing the night-time bombardment, likening it to a huge fireworks display, the sky vivid with light.



Here is **Harold** in about 1914, probably just before they went to War in the garden of 25 North Street, Downend.

**Harold** is sitting with his mother **Caroline Hill**. **Fred**, his brother stands behind.

## Links

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<http://www.frenchaymuseumarchives.co.uk/>

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Street view

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/documents/War%20memorial%20sites.pdf>



**1902 at 6 Clarence Road,  
Downend**

**Harold** is sitting with his arms folded. **Fred** is standing between his big brother **Bert** and his sister **Winnie** who has the cat on her lap. **Harold's** little sister **Amy** is standing by **Caroline Hill** their mother, holding her doll. **Arthur** is already away at work.

[Try street view to see if the house still stands](#)

Whiteshill School. Hambrook. about 1901



**Harold** is third boy along in the front row, **Fred** is the sixth boy from the left in the same row. The fourth boy next to Harold is their cousin **Francis Charles Flux**.

**Winnie** Harold's big sister is the third girl from the left in the second row.

**Arthur** Harold's oldest brother is the first boy on the left in the back row.

**Bert** Harold's other big brother is standing between the Headmaster and a girl in the back row. There are more Flux cousins in the picture.