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HOWARD ALAN FARRAR

Army Number 1474

Corporal, 9th London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles)

Killed in action in Belgium on 24 April 1915, aged 22

Address: Highercombe, Hall Road, Leckhampton

He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Menin Gate and on the kerbstone of his parents' grave in Leckhampton Churchyard (Plot A35). He is named on the Leckhampton and Cheltenham War Memorials.

Howard Farrar was the son of William David and Nellie Clara Jane Farrar of the above address. His father was a coal and coke merchant, with several offices and depots in Cheltenham and Leckhampton.

Howard Farrar worked at the furnishing department of Cavendish House, before moving to London to work at Harvey and Nichols of Knightsbridge. He was first a member of the 5th (Territorial) Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment and then transferred to the 9th County of London Battalion (Queen Victoria's Rifles).

He went with his regiment to France on 5 November 1914 and was in the area of Ypres during the winter of 1914-15. In April 1915 the Queen Victoria's Rifles played a leading part in taking and then defending "Hill 60", near Zillebeke Wood, and it was during this fighting that Howard Farrar was killed.

The Menin Gate Memorial, on which are carved the names of the 54,389 missing officers and men of the British and Commonwealth Forces who died while defending Ypres and whose bodies were never recovered.

Photo – Commonwealth War Graves Commission

