

Dudley Fiske



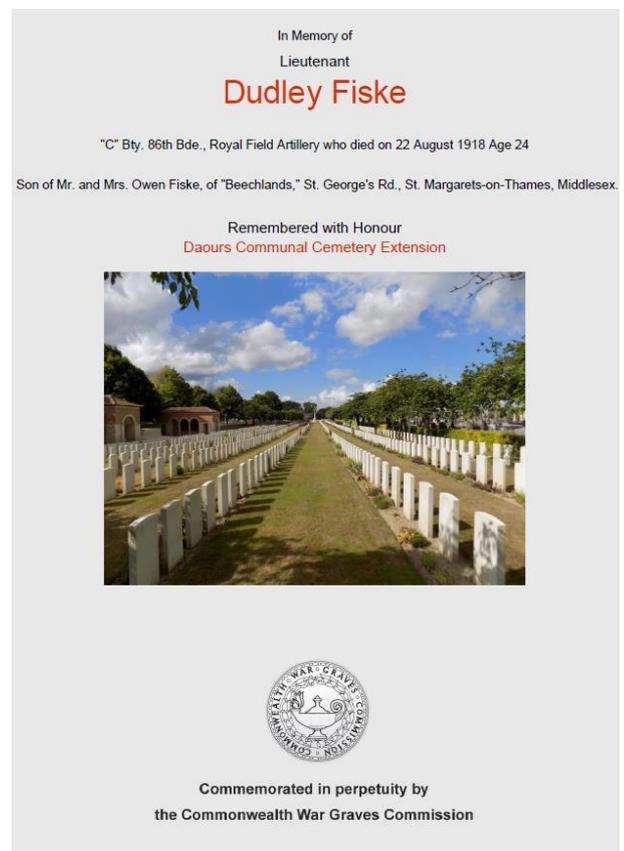
Dudley was born on February 18th 1894 and was baptised on 12th April in the Parish of Holy Trinity, East Finchley. In the 1901 census, Dudley with his parents, Owen and Jessie, plus his elder sister Annie and brother Francis are all living at 19 Anerley Park, Penge. Owen Fiske was born in Norfolk in 1855 (and his death was registered in 1929 in the Brentford district) and made his money manufacturing ladies' underclothing. He married his first wife, Annie Meadows Kemp in Norwich in January 1880 but she had died by the 1881 census, possibly in childbirth. They had a child, Annie, registered in the first quarter of 1881. Owen married Jessie Ball in 1890, she was born in Notting Hill and was 10 years his junior. Francis and Dudley appeared in 1893 and 1895 respectively. The family were wealthy enough to employ a servant.

By 1911 the Fiske family have moved to 68 Park Lane, Croydon. Francis, now 19, is a manufacturer's clerk and Dudley, now 17, is a shipper's clerk. They have been joined by Tom, aged 9, who is at school. Owen and Jessie owned property in East Finsbury, but the electoral registers showed that from 1912 they also lived in St Margarets, at Beechlands, 18 St George's Road, in the Isleworth South polling area. Owen's business in 24 City Road was listed in Kelly's Directory in 1916.

Dudley was associated with the Royal Field Artillery from 1911, initially as a driver, and served in 'C' Battalion, 86th Brigade and saw active service in Egypt in 1915 for which he earned the 1914/15 Star. He received a commission as Lieutenant on 13th October, 1916. He was killed in action on 22nd August, 1918, a family record states that this was a result of gas. He was buried, aged 24, in Daours Communal Cemetery Extension, grave ref. V.A.23. In his will, he left £183 12s 9d to his father. His soldier's effects amounted to £161.8s 6d and were passed to his father. Dudley is also commemorated on the memorial in All Souls Church, Northcote Road, St Margarets.



Beechlands, 18 St George's Road, St Margarets in 2016



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