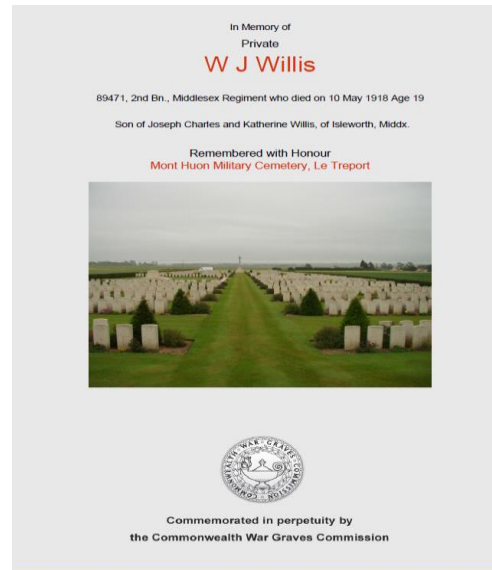


## William James Willis

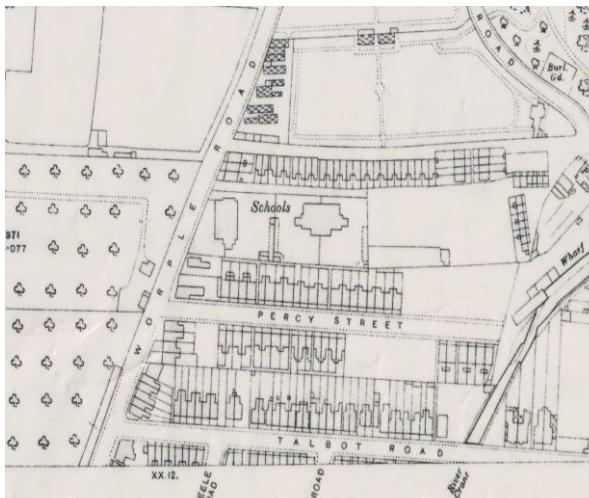
was born in 1899, in Isleworth, the eldest son of Joseph Charles Willis and Catherine Sarah Willis, nee Watkins. Joseph was a journeyman baker, born in Notting Hill, while Catherine came from Titchfield in Hampshire. Joseph and Catherine had 4 other children, Gladys (born 1903), Nellie (born 1904), Frederick (born 1907) and Elizabeth (1909). The family lived at 51 Talbot Road from 1901 onwards. Joseph died in 1947 at the age of 69, Catherine had died 5 years previously in 1942.



*51 Talbot Road, Isleworth in 2015. The family were recorded as living there from 1901 onwards*

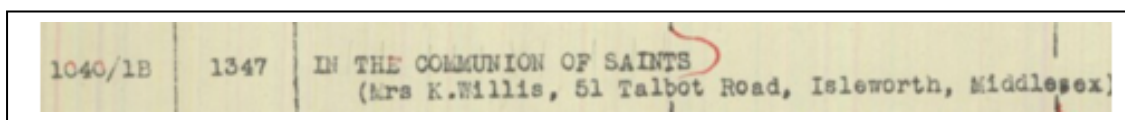


**Above:** Certificate included with the permission of the CWGC



**Left:** Talbot Road c 1915 Ordnance Survey Map

William was called up on 12th April 1917 when he reached his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was first posted to Training Reserve in Dover, but on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1917, he was transferred to the 5<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Regiment. In 1918, he was serving in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion as a private. He was wounded on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1918 and died of wounds on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1918, aged 19. He is buried in Mont Huon Military Cemetery at Le Treport. He is remembered on the memorial at All Souls, Northcote Road, St Margarets and in All Saints Church, Isleworth.,



*This was on his headstone record - CWGC*