

Henry William Dargan



Henry William was born in 1890, the youngest of six children of Dennis Dargan and Mary Ann Dargan, nee McCoy.

Dennis was born in 1859 in County Cork, and worked as a waterman. He died in 1890 at the early age of 31, leaving Mary Ann to care for Thomas, born about 1878, John born 1880, Michael born 1882, Mary Ann born 1884, Elizabeth born 1887 and Henry born

1890. In the 1891 census, Mary Ann describes herself as a pensioner so she may have been receiving some kind of payment from Dennis's employers. She remarried in 1895 to Humphrey Harrington. The Dargans lived at 18 Magdala Road, Isleworth in 1881 and 1 Bath Place, Twickenham Road in 1891. His brother, John, was living in 21, Queens Terrace in 1919 and his two sisters had married: Mary Ann lived in Wales, and Elizabeth in Kendall Road, Isleworth. His mother was living in Twickenham Green.



*Magdala Road,
Isleworth c1915,
Ordnance Survey Map*

Henry seems to have left home early on. We cannot find him in the 1901 census, but his soldier's documents show that he enlisted in 1907 at Hounslow. He was not an exemplary

soldier - his military records in the Rifle Brigade show punishments for being absent without leave, losing his equipment, gambling and so on. However, he must have mended his ways, as he was promoted to lance-sergeant in 1917.

He married Mary Ellen Moore in 1916 in Cumberland, but seems not to have had any children. He died at Le Havre on 1st November 1918 of pneumonia. He is buried in Sainte Marie Cemetery at Le Havre and is remembered on the St Bridget's Memorial, Isleworth.



Sainte Marie Cemetery



St Bridget's Memorial