

Alan Henry French



Alan was born in 1896 and is mentioned in the 1901 census living at 15 Manor Terrace in Willesden with his father, Llewellyn Thomas French, aged 31, a house painter from Paddington and his mother, Florence Mary (née Kite) aged 26 from North Bradley in Wiltshire. Alan was 4 and his younger sister, Elvina was 3. By 1911 the family had moved to 19 Silverhall Street, Isleworth and they had an additional daughter, Iris, born in 1909. Alan, now 14, was working as a duplicating clerk for exhibitions.

Alan enlisted at Hampton on 1st November, 1911 when he was working as a tie hand for JP Dickson of Oak Lane East London. He was described as 5 ft 6" tall at 15 years and 11 months. He joined up for 4 years into the 1st Battalion/ 8th Middlesex Regiment "B" Company, service number 240090. He re-enlisted and sailed from Southampton on 18th August, 1915 arriving in France on 23rd August, 1915 as part of the British Expeditionary Force. As an ex pupil, Alan was mentioned as one of the 'Blue School Warriors' in the Middlesex Chronicle Report of 23rd January 2015. He was promoted to Lance Corporal and was wounded on 15th September, 1916. He suffered from shell shock and was sent home. He rejoined the field of action on 23rd October, 1916 and was killed in action on 17th May, 1917. He is remembered on the Arras Memorial, bay 7 at the Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery and also at All Saints Church, Church Street, Isleworth.



19 Silverhall Street Isleworth in 2016

The Blue School C1903




In Memory of
Lance Corporal
Alan Henry French

TF/240090, "B" Coy. 1st/8th Bn., Middlesex Regiment who died on 17 May 1917 Age 21

Son of Florence French, of 19, Silverhall St., Isleworth, Middx., and the late Llewellyn French.

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