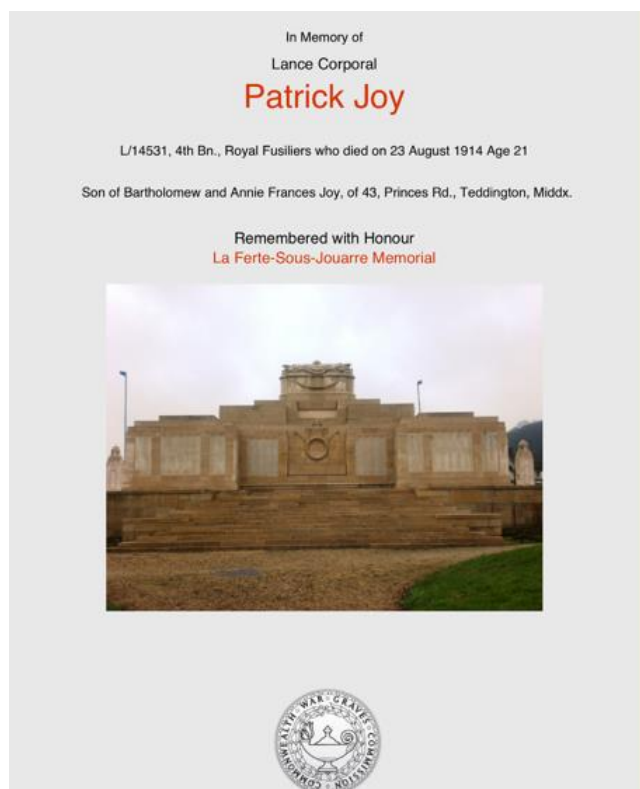


Patrick Joy



Patrick Joy was born on 18th May 1894 in Shoreditch. His parents were Bartholomew Joy (1865-1916) and Annie Frances Joy, nee Grant (1867-1957). His grandparents were David and Johanna Joy, born in Ireland, who lived in 33 Magdala Road Isleworth in 1911 and around South Street, Isleworth before that. His siblings included:- David (born 1892, married on September 14th 1890 at St Augustine, Haggerston, Hackney), Annie (born 1898), John (born 1901), Charles (born 1904), Johanna (born 1906), Ellen (born 1908) and Rose Ellen, born 26th April 1912 in Twickenham and died in 1983. In 1901, the family were based in His Majesty's Garrison and Fortress, Tower of London and Bartholomew was serving as Lance Corporal, 4th Middlesex Regiment. In 1911, Bartholomew is recorded as an Army Pensioner. The family were living at 43 Princess Road, Teddington later. Private Patrick Joy was recorded as being at the Corunna Barracks, Stanhope Lines, Aldershot in 1911, having enlisted about the same time in the 4th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, aged 17.

Lance Corporal Patrick Joy died on 23rd August 1914, aged 21. His body was never recovered and death was presumed. Part of Patrick's army pay and war gratuity went to J Tapping, an undertaker. As Patrick himself had no funeral, this may have been to help with his father's funeral expenses in 1916. The Middlesex Chronicle, 10th October 1914, lists a Thomas Joy (Patrick's uncle) as being among those missing. The entry follows on from the previous page where a list of wounded Royal Fusilier soldiers is given, so it seems likely that the entry should read P. Joy. This may also be the source of the incorrect idea in 1915 that Thomas Joy, his uncle, had been killed.



St Bridget's Memorial, Isleworth