

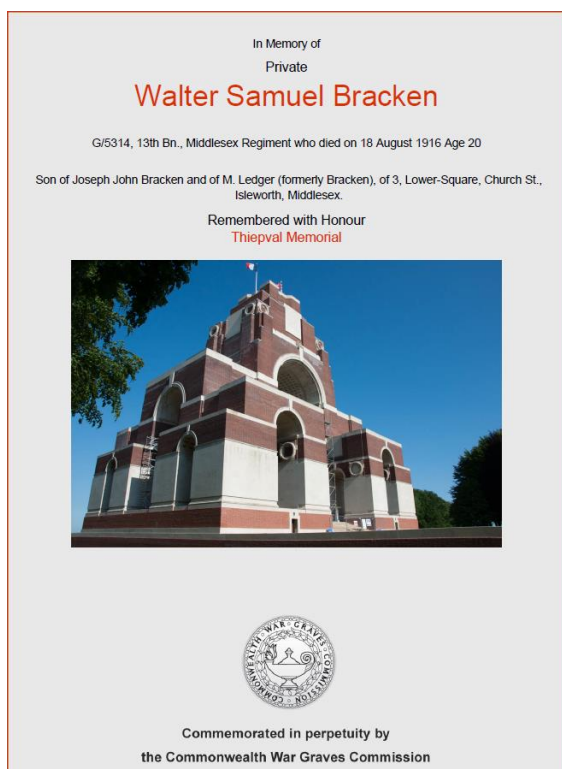
Walter Samuel Bracken



Born in Brentford in 1896, Walter lived at 12 Gordon House Square in Isleworth, according to the 1901 census with his father, Joseph, aged 40 who was born in Ireland and was working as a miller's labourer and his mother, Mary Ann, aged 43 (nee Cribbett) born in Sutton, Surrey. Also in the household were Walter's sister, Catherine, aged 15, his brother, Robert, aged 10 and his sister, Mary, aged 7. By 1911, the family had moved to 33 Magdala Road, Isleworth. Walter was 14 and at school, his elder brother Robert was a labourer and his sister, Mary was a factory hand. Walter had 10 brothers and sisters in total, but by 1911, only 5 were living.



Above:- Magdala Road and the surrounding areas.
Ordnance Survey map C 1915



Walter enlisted into the Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex Regiment where he served with the 13th Battalion (G/5314). He saw active service in France and Flanders and was killed in action on 18th August 1916. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. He is commemorated on the Thiepval memorial, pier and face 12D and 13B. He is listed as the son of Joseph John Bracken and M Ledger (formerly Bracken) of 3 Lower Square, Church Street, Isleworth. He is also remembered on the St Bridget's Memorial, Isleworth. His father, Joseph John Bracken, died the following year in June 1917 aged 55. His mother married William Ledger in Richmond in 1919 and died in 1931. His brother Robert William joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in July 1915. He was transferred to the Anson Battalion, British Expeditionary Force in September 1917, having recovered from a chest wound. By 6th November 1917, he was posted as Missing and his wife, Lily was notified that he was 'Missing believed killed' in

April 1918. His name is recorded on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

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