

## John Cuthbert Gordon Carter



Cuthbert Gordon Carter was born in Feltham, Middlesex in September 1896 and was baptised on 18th October, 1896. His father, Henry Alfred was a produce merchant's clerk and lived with his mother, Ada Isabella (nee Lodge) in High Street, Feltham. In 1901, Cuthbert had an older brother living with him, Henry, by his father's first marriage to Sarah Wright in Fulham in 1882, who had died in 1886, aged 26. Henry junior was a printing press engineer's apprentice and baptised in May 1884, at St Saviour's Church, Hammersmith; he married Annie Edith Bassett in 1908 and lived in Ashford in 1911, when he was a carman at a laundry and then in Sunbury in 1939, when he was a shop keeper. Cuthbert also had two elder sisters, Dorothy Ada and Marion Isabella.

By 1911, Cuthbert was known as John Cuthbert Gordon and had been joined by a younger brother, Stanley Theodore, born in 1908. The family's address was 1 The Green, High Street, Feltham. Henry was working as a cashier at a Soap Manufacturer (Pears?) and he and Ada had been married for 21 years with four children by their marriage, all living.

Cuthbert enlisted in London into the London Regiment of the Royal Fusiliers, 2nd Battalion as private PS/7315. The 2nd Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers sailed to Marseilles in March 1916 from Port Suez in Egypt. Here they took trains to Pont-Remy then walked 15 miles to Coulon-Villiers. On 4th April, 1916 they marched to Beauval, then onto Englebelmer. On 21st April they arrived at Auchonvilliers where they were engaged in trench digging at Beaumont-Hamel. On 18th May they went into the trenches near Mally-Maillet. On 1st July, the 2nd Battalion were engaged in the Battle of the Somme where Private Carter was killed, aged just 19. He is commemorated on the Thiepval Monument pier and face 8C, 9A and 16A. His memorial remembers him as the son of Henry Alfred and Ada Isabella Carter of 63 Cole Park Road, Twickenham. His parents lived at this address for some while after this, and his mother was residing there in 1939; her husband had died four years earlier.



*The Royal Fusiliers monument at Holborn Bar*



*The Thiepval Memorial, the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme.*