

Edward Albert Coleman (July –Sept 1886- 30 October 1918)

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BAPTISMS administered in the Parish of *S. John Baptist, Isleworth* in the County of *Middlesex* in the Year 1886

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1886 June 20 No. 1177.	Harriet Fanny	Robert Harriet	Ebworth	Wotton Road	Labourer	Edwin Castle Curate
1886 June 20 No. 1178.	Samuel George	Samuel George	Pinkstone	Wotton Road	Labourer	Edwin Castle Curate
1886 August 8 No. 1179.	Harold John	Alexander Sarah Elizabeth	Carter	Binkhills Spring Lane	Plumber	Edwin Castle Curate
1886 August 13 No. 1180.	Ernest	John Clara Madeline	Powell	Linkfield Lane	Freeman Railway Porter.	Edwin Castle Curate
1886 August 15 No. 1181.	Edward Albert	William Thomas Eliza	Coleman	Linkfield Lane	Bricklayer	Edwin Castle Curate

Edward was the youngest child of William Thomas and Eliza Ellen Coleman (nee Logsdale) who married on 2 April 1866. Edward's father was a Bricklayer who was born in Isleworth. His mother Eliza was born in Stanstead Abbey, Hertfordshire. William Coleman died in 1896 at the age of 56, leaving Eliza a widow. Edward was aged 10 at the time. The 1881, 1891, 1901 and 1911 Censuses all record Eliza as being a General Shopkeeper working from her home in Isleworth.

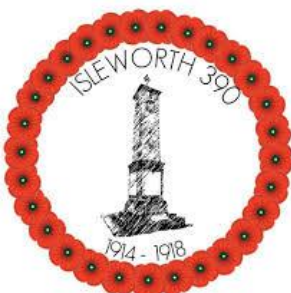
William and Eliza had 9 children so Edward had 3 brothers and 5 sisters, all born in

Isleworth. They were Alice (born 1867), Bertha (born 1868), Eliza Ellen (born 1871), Ada (born 1873), William Thomas (born 1875), Grace (born 1878), Harry (born 1880) and Reginald (born 1883). The family were living at 1 Wiltshire Cottages, Linkfield Lane, Isleworth in 1881, 1891 and 1901 but their address was given as 14 Linkfield Road, Isleworth in 1911. At that time Edward was aged 24 and was a coach painter in a motor works.

Edward enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps on 2 November 1915 at the age of 28. He became a Corporal (12729) in the 5th Squadron of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) of the Royal Flying Corps (re-named the Royal Air Force in April 1918). Number 5 Squadron was formed in July 1913 and had been deployed to France at the outbreak of World War 1. The Squadron was equipped to carry out reconnaissance for the BEF. They specialised in acting as observers of artillery and taking aerial photographs in 2 seater biplanes over the battlefields of France.

Edward's older brother Harry, emigrated to Australia with his family in 1915 and then enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF). He returned to Europe to fight with the AIF but sadly, died in France in March 1917.

At the age of 32 in early October 1918, Edward married Edith Rix in Brentford. She had been born in Hounslow and was the daughter of a Gardener/Nurseryman. Shortly afterwards, Edward died after a few days of illness on 30 October 1918 in Glen Hospital, Southend on Sea. He was buried in Isleworth Cemetery, Park Road, Isleworth. In 1923 Edward's widow, Edith, married again, this time to Walter Bastable and they lived at 37 Cecil Road, Hounslow.



Both Edward and his brother Harry are remembered on the Isleworth War Memorial.

