

## Reginald George Collins



Reginald George Collins was born in 1893 in Mortlake, with the birth names of Reginald Guy Collins. His father, John, was a marine engine fitter born in Islington, his mother, Lilian Emily (nee Aldridge) is recorded as born in Islington on the 1891 and 1911 census. Reginald is shown as having three siblings in 1901, when the family lived at 37 Haliburton Road: Percy (10), John (4) and Edith (7 months). The family had moved to Peterborough in 1911, when the only child at home was John; Reginald was then living with the Lake family at 15 Upper Square, Isleworth and working as an engineer's turner. He was a motor fitter in 1914.

In 1913, Reginald married Violet Eva Rose, who lived at 9 and then 36, Church Street, when her father worked at a mill. They had a daughter Margery Edith born in 1914.

*Church Street Isleworth above Upper Square, C1915 Ordnance Survey Map*



Reginald enlisted at Grove Park on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1914 as a private (08807) and gave his age as 25, and rose through the ranks to an acting sergeant in the Army Service Corps, Mechanical Transport. He served in France from November 14- January '16, and then at home, until he died from meningitis on April 4<sup>th</sup> 1916.

The report from Herbert Hospital in Woolwich stated that he had been admitted for an operation on the nasal septum and terminate bones in March and had been discharged afterwards, but readmitted, complaining of headaches and vomiting. He died shortly afterwards and is buried in Isleworth Cemetery (see below). The date of death on the hospital record is given as 12<sup>th</sup> April 1916.

His wife and child received a pension from October 1916. At that time Violet was living at 66 North Street, Isleworth. Reginald was awarded the Victory and British War Medals.



Reginald is also remembered in All Saints Church, Church Street, Isleworth.

*Left: 37 Haliburton Road, Isleworth in 2016*

