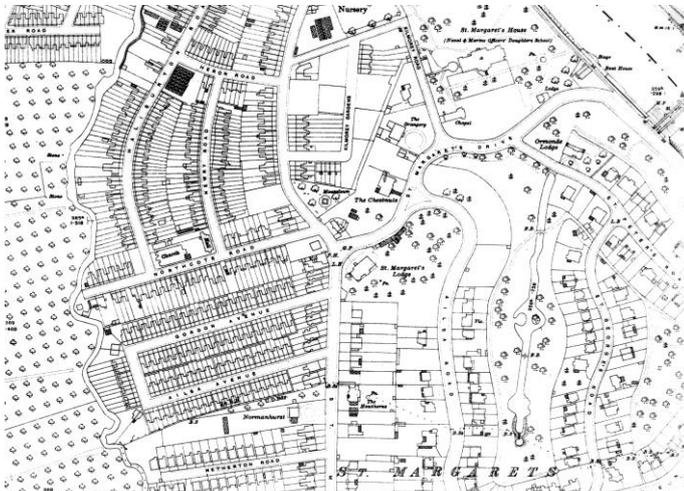


Stanley Ramsden Dyson



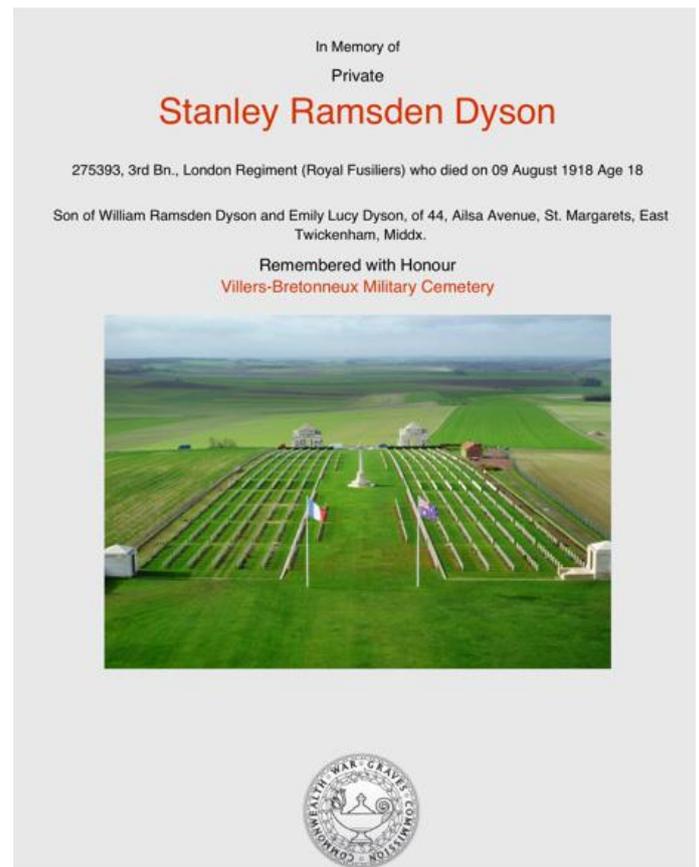
Stanley Ramsden Dyson was born on October 6th 1899 in Kentish Town, the son of Emily Lucy Dyson and William Ramsden Dyson. His father, William died in 1903, aged 53. Stanley is recorded as attending the Munster School in Fulham, admitted on November 7th 1904, by his mother Emily who was a dressmaker at the time and lived at 17 Edgarley Terrace, Fulham. Stanley left there two years later on 24th July 1906 to attend the boys' school. In 1906, his mother married Septimus Ralph Dickinson in Fulham; his wife, Louisa, had died earlier in the year. By 1911, Stanley was living in 5, Sunbeam Villas in Sunbury, with his mother, born in 1862, his step-father Septimus, a carpenter, and his brother Herbert, born in 1891 and a clerk. By 1914, Septimus and the family were living at 44 Ailsa Avenue, as mentioned in Kelly's Street Directory and also on his CWGC certificate. Emily was still living in the same house as a widow, as recorded in the 1939 census, Septimus had died earlier that year and Emily was to die in early 1940.

Stanley's army record is not available but we know that he enlisted in Whitehall and served with the London Regiment, initially the 19th Regiment (616534) then the 3rd (City of London) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (275393). He was killed in action on 9th August 1918, aged 18 years. He is remembered in the Villers- Bretonneux Military Cemetery in Foulloy, Somme, France and on his headstone his mother arranged for the following lines: 'And how can man die better, thy will be done'. Stanley is also remembered on the memorial in All Souls Church, Northcote Road St Margarets, a few streets away from the house in Ailsa Avenue.



Above: The Ailsa Avenue area in 1914. Ordnance Survey map

Below: 44 Ailsa Avenue, the family home of Stanley Dyson and his mother and stepfather, in 1914



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