



John Thomas Eales

John Thomas was born in the Fulham area on 7th October 1892 and baptised on 7th December at St Andrew's Church in Fulham; his parents, Frederick and Caroline, were living at 2 Margarine Road, Hammersmith, and Frederick was a gas fitter. Frederick Henry Eales (1866-1936) was born in Notting Hill and married Caroline Chambers (1866-1921), from Hammersmith, in St Peter's in Hammersmith on 9th December 1888, Frederick was then a plumber. The family lived in and around the Hammersmith and Fulham area before settling in 25 Linkfield Road in Isleworth by 1918. *See below for a 2018 photo.*

John had seven siblings: two brothers and five sisters, most of whom stayed in the Hounslow area for the rest of their lives and married at the local church- St John's on St John's Road in Isleworth, a stone's throw from their house. *See below for a photo of the church.* Sidney Frederick (1889-1968) was boarding in Colchester in 1911, and working as a cement labourer; he is likely to have served in the Fusiliers (50871) and also Royal Sussex (G31826); by 1939 he was living at 53 Layton Road, Hounslow with Elizabeth Maude Noy, whom he married in 1914 in Essex. Arthur James (1904-1968) married Ellen Mary Maslin locally in 1928, lived in Harrow after their marriage, later residing in Layton Road, a few houses from his brother. Caroline Harriet (1894-1968) married Henry Walter Durrance, a caretaker, in St John's Church, Isleworth on December 24th 1922; he had served with the London Regiment and demobilised in 1919. Annie Louise (1898-1989) married Clement Frederick Hunt, a brick pipe maker on 31st July 7th 1928 at St John's Isleworth; by 1939, she was living at 6 Loring Road with her son and her husband's family. Dorothy Emily (1900-1969) married William Albert George Budgen, a milk roundsman, at St John's Isleworth on September 17th 1927; settling later at 14 Inwood Road, Hounslow. Florence Beatrice (1902-1978) married George Richard Voller, a motor driver at St John's Church, Isleworth on March 31st 1929. By 1939, she was living at the family home, 25 Linkfield Road, Isleworth; George was an Assistant Car Fitter (Trolleybus) for the London Passenger Transport Board. Agnes (1907-1981) married Arthur Evans in 1936 locally; by 1939 they were living at 57 Cecil Road Hounslow, Arthur was a refuse collector.

By 1911, John Thomas, aged 18, was serving with the 14th (King's) Hussars at Burniston Barracks in Scarborough, which served as the 3rd Cavalry Depot providing accommodation for the 10th Royal Hussars, the 14th King's Hussars, the 18th Royal Hussars and the 20th Hussars. John's army records have not survived, but we know that he first served abroad on 14/11/1915 in the Asiatic Area 5A1. He rose to the rank of Lance Corporal, with a regimental number of 6958, serving in Meerut in India until November 1915, when the 14th Hussars landed in Mesopotamia and came under the orders of the 6th Indian Cavalry Brigade. By May 1918, they had moved to Persia. John died at Hamadan, in Iran on 29th September 1918; the city was the scene of heavy fighting between Russian and Turko-German forces. It was occupied by both armies, and finally by the British, before it was returned to the control of the Iranian

government at the end of the war in 1918. He was buried at Tehran War Cemetery and also commemorated on the memorial at St John's Church in Isleworth.

