

Philip Edward William Ferrick



Philip's birth was registered in the first quarter of 1890 in Brentford. His parents, Patrick Ferrick (1846- 1892) and Beatrice Fry Buller Down (1860-1936), had married in the Brentford area in 1890. Patrick was born in Ballinrobe, County Mayo Ireland; he joined the 70th Foot, in Dublin in 1870, aged 22, he was frequently hospitalised for infections and ague; he transferred to the East Surreys, served in India, East India, Egypt and Afghanistan and received the Afghan award. Beatrice was born in Cheltenham; she too came from a military background- her father was Major William Down, from the East India Company and in 1871, aged 11, she was attending Clarence House Royal School in Putney. She gave birth to her first son, Cecil Buller in 1877, who later became a violin musician, was registered as deaf, and lived with his mother after Patrick died. He survived until 1941.

Philip lived in Colne Road in Twickenham in 1891, then 3 Holly Road, Holly Place, Twickenham by 1901, before moving to 7 Toyns Alley, London Road, Isleworth by 1911. He married Elizabeth Ann Stocker in November 1912 in Brentford, and they had a child, Philip William Patrick Stocker (Ferrick), born 21st February 1912, Isleworth, who married Eileen Harris in 1940, had a shop in Linkfield Road, Isleworth in 1949, and died in 1991 in Poole.

Philip's army records survive. In September 1911, enlisting in Kingston, he joined the East Surreys, aged 21 years and 9 months; he was a garden labourer, living in Isleworth, physically- height 5ft 9 1/4" weight 139 lbs, girth 35 and a half inches, range of expansion 3"

His complexion was fresh (face pitted with small pox scars), his hair brown, eyes grey and religion Roman Catholic. He served in Ireland, then India 1912-14, home 11/14-18/1/15 and then with the second battalion in France from 19/1/15., he was awarded Marksman on 27/ 6/1914, was hospitalised five times during 1911-13 for infections, including colitis; disciplined for having a rusty bayonet during a Company Officer's inspection, received three days CB, and was recognised as a 'hardworking, sober and a painstaking man,' army reference 5/10/1914 . After a few months in France, he was killed in action on or before 14th February 1915, and reported as missing, presumed dead. He is commemorated on the Menin Gate, and also at St John's Church in Isleworth- see below and right.



His widow, Elizabeth received his effects and medals: the 1914/15 Star, The Victory and British war medal. She was living in 2, Lodge Avenue, Fulham at the time of the CWGC record, and in 1939 at her family home 24, Kendall Road, Isleworth, with her son, Philip, and mother Minnie Stocker (nee Daudistel), her father Frederick's second wife; Elizabeth was

actually the child of her father, Frederick's, first wife, Elizabeth Ann Hobden, who died early. Elizabeth married Edward William Knight, a next door neighbour in Kendall Road, in the Brentford area in 1924, but he too died early- in 1936. Elizabeth died in 1971, aged 80 in Hounslow.