



Arthur William Goode (Q3 1897 - 23 April 1917)

Arthur was the son of John and Ellen Goode (nee Paul) who married in October 1894 in Brentford. John was born in Isleworth and his wife Ellen, Arthur's mother, in Hammersmith.

There were 8 children in the family so Arthur grew up with 4 brothers and 3 sisters. The seven younger children, including Arthur, were all born in Isleworth. They were John (1895), Arthur (1897), Elizabeth (1900), James (1902), Walter (1904), Alfred (1906) and Grace (1909). The eldest, Frances Annie Paul Goode was born in Acton in 1890, before John and Ellen were married, so may have been a step sister to Arthur.

Arthur attended the Blue School. Arthur's father, John, was listed as a Miller at a Flour Mill in both the 1901 and 1911 Censuses. Arthur spent his childhood growing up at 17 Gumley Gardens, off St John's Road in Isleworth.

Arthur moved from Isleworth to Leeds in 1915. It was here that he enlisted as a Private in the 9th Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers. He was part of E Company and served in France.



15 Byfield Road Isleworth

From 9 April until 16 June 1917 the Arras Offensive took place in France. This consisted of a series of engagements including the second Battle of Scarpe on 23 and 24 April. Arthur's Battalion, the Northumberland Fusiliers, were part of the 50th Division at the Front. On the evening of 21 April his Battalion relieved the East Yorkshire Regiment in the trenches on the front line. On the 22 April the troops prepared for an attack that was to be undertaken the next morning. The Northumberland Fusilier's war diary records that their action on 23 April, along with the 29th Division, was successful in capturing an enemy trench NE of their position. However the casualties recorded were 2 officers killed and one wounded as well as 30 other ranks killed and 55 other ranks wounded.



Battle of Scarpe April 1917 IWM Q2031
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Among those killed was Arthur who died on 23 April 1917 at the age of 19 and he has no known grave. He is commemorated on Bay 2/3 of the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. He is also remembered on the memorial at All Saints Church in Isleworth.

By the time of Arthur's death his parents had moved to 15 Byfield Road, Isleworth where the Goode family continued to live for many subsequent decades.