

## William Ernest Albert Goodfellow

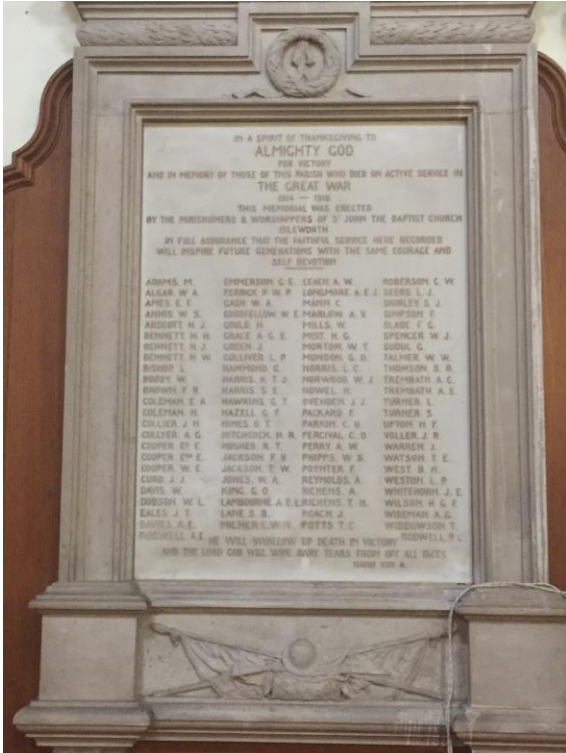


William Ernest Albert Goodfellow was born in Brentford in December 1896. In the 1901 census, his family were living at 23 Cornwall Road, Chiswick. His father, William Ernest (1872-,1938) was an engine fitter from Englefield Green, Egham. His mother was Annie (née Tull) from Reading (1872- 1954) and they had married in St Michael and all Angels, Bedford Park, Chiswick on December 25<sup>th</sup> 1895.

William had two sisters: Hilda, born in 1900 and Eva Jessie, born in 1905 and a brother, Arthur Harold, born in 1908. By 1911 the family had moved to 32 Oxford Gardens, Chiswick and William was working as an office boy for a paper stainers company.

He enlisted in Hammersmith as Private 1544 into the 10<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Regiment and then joined the London Regiment 2<sup>nd</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> (County of London) Battalion (St Pancras) as Private 6522/612743. This battalion was formed at the outbreak of WW1 in London and was mobilised for war on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1916 when they sailed to Le Havre. On 25<sup>th</sup> November, 1916 the battalion was deployed to Salonika and took part in the Battle of Doiran.

William's battalion was deployed to Alexandria in June 1917 as part of the Palestine campaign which included the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle of Gaza and the capture and defence of Jerusalem. He was part of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force which included soldiers from Australia, New Zealand and India under the command of General Allenby. Lloyd George had ordered General Allenby to take back Jerusalem from centuries of Turkish domination as "a great Christmas present for the British nation". William died of his injuries in the 26<sup>th</sup> Station EEF Hospital on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 1917 aged just 20. He is commemorated on the Ismailia War Memorial Cemetery, grave A.69. On his headstone, he has the engraving: "My God and Your God". His CWGC memorial lists him as the son of William and Annie Goodfellow of 16 Newton Road, Isleworth (see below right for a 2017 photo of that property). Interestingly, another war widow, Jessie Richens nee Holloway (widow of Albert Richens) was also living at 16 Newton Road. He is also listed on the memorial in St John's Church, Isleworth (see below left)



William's parents continued living in Isleworth and by 1926 were living at 7 Silverhall Street with their two youngest children, Eva and Arthur. Their daughter Hilda had married William Fenner in 1923 and had a daughter, Kathleen, in 1930. Arthur married Nora Draper in 1938.

