

Private Henry Gould, known as Harry



Harry Gould was the eldest son of market gardener George Gould, who was born in Brentford in 1866.

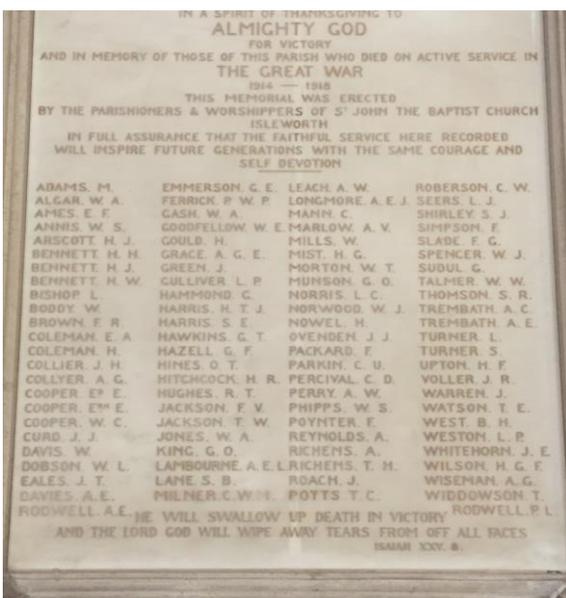
According to the 1901 census his mother was Mary Gould, born in London, with the family living at Bounty Cottages, 7 Linkfield Road, Isleworth. However, in the 1911 census George's wife is recorded as Lizzie. As the other details are consistent it is probable that Mary and Lizzie are the same person. She could have decided to change, perhaps using a middle name.

By 1911 she had given birth to 11 children, 6 of whom were alive at that time. They were: Harry, born in 1894, followed by Nellie in 1897, William in 1902, Charlie in 1903, Lizzie in 1905, and Matilda in 1908. They were all born in Isleworth. By 1911, the family were recorded as living at 26, Linkfield Road, Isleworth.

When he left school Harry followed his father into market gardening but by 1914 he was working as a brewery labourer.

Perhaps seeking adventure he enlisted on 19th May 1914 before the war broke out and joined the 8th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers. Then on 28th June 1914 Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria was assassinated. Britain declared war on Germany on 4th August 1914.

But Harry Gould never went to war. On 7th September he died of heart failure on the Abbey Field in Colchester Essex, probably during training. His father collected his effects. The UK Book of Remembrance commemorates the United Kingdom casualties of the two world wars who were not formerly recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Tracing these casualties and adding them to the official book is the work of the "Find a Grave" organisation.



More than 100 years after his death, Harry Gould's name was accepted as war dead and was added to the Book of Remembrance on December 8th 2015.

He is also honoured on the memorial in St John's Church, Isleworth.