



John Green (Q2 1888- 8 October 1915)

John was born in Isleworth in 1888 and by 1891 lived in 2 Hayes Terrace in Talbot Road with his father, John aged 33, a domestic gardener from Ireland; his mother Margaret (nee Williams, married in 1881), aged 30, a garden woman, also from Ireland; his brothers James aged 11, Charles aged 8, and Michael aged 2 months along with his sister Johanna aged 5. The family also housed 4 boarders, all Irish domestic gardeners aged 21 – 23.

By 1901 John, aged 13, was living with his family at 56 Talbot Road, Isleworth. The family now included 2 more sisters: Helen aged 6 and Mary aged 3.

In 1911 the family were living at 78 Worple Road, just around the corner from Talbot Road. Eldest brother James, aged 32, was now head of the household and was working as a general building labourer. John, aged 23, was employed as an agricultural labourer. The rest of the household consisted of Charles aged 29 who was working as a barman; Annie, now 25, listed as a housekeeper; Michael, aged 20 and a hawker; and Nellie (Helen), aged 16 and a general servant. Sadly, their mother and youngest sister Mary had both died in 1905.

John married Annie Ebsworth in 1911 in Brentford. They had two children: John Thomas Green born in 1911 and Lily Margaret Green born in 1914.



78 Worple Road, Isleworth



East Surrey Regiment Cap Badge 1914

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John enlisted in Kingston with the 7th Battalion, East Surreys (1643) soon after war was declared. The newly raised battalion moved to Purfleet, then Aldershot and finally Boulogne in June 1915. In early October 1915 John's Battalion was occupying some German trenches near Loos in France. Working parties were out at night digging communication trenches. On 8 October they were subjected to heavy shelling which resulted in many casualties. In addition, that day two platoons unsuccessfully attacked the German front line which added to the death toll. John was killed in action on 8th

October 1915, at the age of 27 leaving all his effects to Annie, his widow. He is remembered on the Loos Memorial in northern France.

His brother Charles enlisted into the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex) Regiment He was Private in the 11th Battalion. He died on 9th August, 1917 aged 35 and is buried in the British Cemetery at Monchy-le-Preux. Brother Michael enlisted in the Royal Garrison Artillery (29th Battery) and survived the war.

John is also remembered on the memorial in St Bridget's Church, Isleworth as is his brother Charles.

John's widow Annie re-married in 1920 to Percy Atkins and had at least 2 more children, Patricia (born 1922) and James (born 1926).