

Howard Holloway



Howard was born in the 3rd Q of 1891, the son of George Frederick Holloway (1861-1909) and Lizzie Butterfield (1861-1955). In the 1911 census, Lizzie stated they had been married for 28 years. Lizzie came to the local area, staying with her sister, Eliza, and brother in law, at the Grocer's Shop on Richmond Road, Twickenham. In 1881, she was a booking clerk at the dye works. By 1891, she and George, a jobbing gardener, were living at the Lodge, Richmond Road. By 1901, their home was at 23 Eve Road, Isleworth and by 1911, 14 Newry Road, Isleworth.

Howard had eight siblings: Annie Eliza born in 1882; Charles George Frederick Vernon, (1884-1942), by 1901, an office boy at the soap factory, probably Pears, and by 1911, a baker and married to Eva Beatrice Bidmead; Hettie Rebecca, born in 1887, who married Walter Godfrey Griffin, a cheesemonger's assistant in 1906; Charles James Sidney (1886-1953), in 1901, a telegraph messenger and in 1912, a postman when he married Kate Hill; Harry Gordon (1889-1965), in 1911, a packer at the incubator works and in 1917, a carpenter, when he married Celia Daisy Overton at St

Stephens, Hounslow; Percy Harold (1895-1981), a grocer's shop assistant in 1911, serving in the Royal Fusiliers and surviving a very serious chest injury, who married Ethel Jefferson in 1918; William Thomas (1899-1988), who married Violet Doris Snelling in 1923 (both Percy and William are recorded on the Pears Factory Roll of Honour) and Elsie Murlo (1904-1986) who married Harry Charles Parker in 1926. Howard was a painter of poultry houses by trade in 1911, and on 18th November 1915, he enlisted at the Duke of York's Headquarters in Elverton Street, Westminster. He was 5' 4 1/2", weighed 136 lbs and had a girth of 37" when fully expanded. . He had grey eyes and dark



brown hair and joined the 58th DAC (Divisional Ammunition Column) – see a photo of Section 1 of the 58th below, which Howard sent as a post card to his mother when training in the UK before going to France. It reads: *“Dear Mother, Just a few lines hoping they will find you and all at home quite well, as I am glad to say it leaves me at present. Any news from Percy (a younger brother) What do you think of this photo- I think it is rotten. Best love, Howard”* Perhaps the photo caught him in a bad light? By 1916, he had become a driver; in January 1917 he was awarded Field Punishment no 2 for 28 days for some misdemeanour and by 4th April 1917, he was serving in France with the Royal Field Artillery, B Battery, 97th Brigade, registered as 945115. In 1917, he was hospitalised with myalgia in the Number 2 General Hospital, Le Havre, but returned to duty on May 6th 1917.



Howard married Amelia Louisa Briar on February 7th 1918, at St Michael and St George, Teddington and living at 123, Fulwell Road Hampton Hill. Amelia was born in Walham Green in 1893, and was the daughter of Francis Briar and Emily Roberts, living in 2, Waldegrave Park in Twickenham in 1911. Howard died of influenza, and bronchopneumonia, on 17th November 1918, a few days after the Armistice, and is buried in Awoingt British Cemetery, 2 1/2 miles ESE of Cambrai. He is also remembered at All Souls Church, Haliburton Road, St Margarets, then in Isleworth. Amelia Louisa found comfort later with Albert Spencer Glaysher and died in 1964. In 1939, Lizzie was living with her daughter, Hettie Rebecca, and her husband Walter Godfrey Griffin who were by then managing a boarding house in Hastings