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Frederick's wife, Eva Gertrude

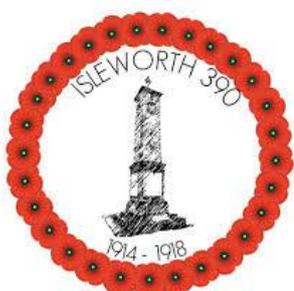
Lance Corporal Frederick Victor Jackson (13631) was born in 1887 (2nd Quarter) in Buckingham to George James Jackson and Julie Phoebe Hill. He lived at 43 Newton Road Isleworth and from 1904 he worked as a factory hand at Pears Soap manufacturing facilities. He died on 18th November 1916 - **the very last day of the many Battles of the Somme which spanned from 1st July – 18th November 1916.** He was 29. The 'Battle of the Somme' was fought principally by the soldiers of Lord Kitchener's (Secretary of State for War) 'New Army'. These volunteer recruits, almost half a million strong, were just ordinary men from all walks of life - hardly any of them had been in uniform for more than 23 months.

Frederick was believed to have enlisted in the Queens Royal West Surrey Reg. (7th Battalion) in May 1916. His Battalion joined with the 55th Brigade of the 18th (Eastern) Division which spent the duration of the First World War in action on the Western Front. From 1st July, Frederick would have been fighting almost continuously in the Battle of Albert, the Battle of Bazentin Ridge, the Battle of Thiepval, and the Battle of Ancre Heights. The Battle of Ancre would be his last.

Heavy rain in October and early November had turned the waterlogged battlefield into a quagmire. The Battle of Ancre began on 13th Nov 1916 in fog and snow. The 7th Battalion, Queen's, moved up into the front line for their attack. Their orders were 'to go over' before first light on 18th November. The conditions were appalling. It was still bitterly cold with snow flurries when Frederick's Battalion moved into the darkness of no-man's land.....

It is generally agreed that very few objectives had been achieved at Ancre and those objectives that were gained, came at great cost to the 18th Eastern Division and others. By the 28th November 1916 more than 450,000 British, 200,000 French and 650,000 German soldiers had been slaughtered at the Somme. After four months of fighting the Allies had advanced a distance of no more than five miles.

Frederick is buried at Grandcourt Road Cemetery Picardie, France (Ref C21) and is remembered on the memorial at St John's Church in Isleworth. Frederick's brother, Thomas William, was also killed when HMS Hawke was torpedoed on 15th Oct, 1914. Fred's wife, Eva Gertrude Williams, married on December 25th 1912, asked for his grave to be marked with the words:



Harry, the son of Frederick and Eva, born in December 1914