



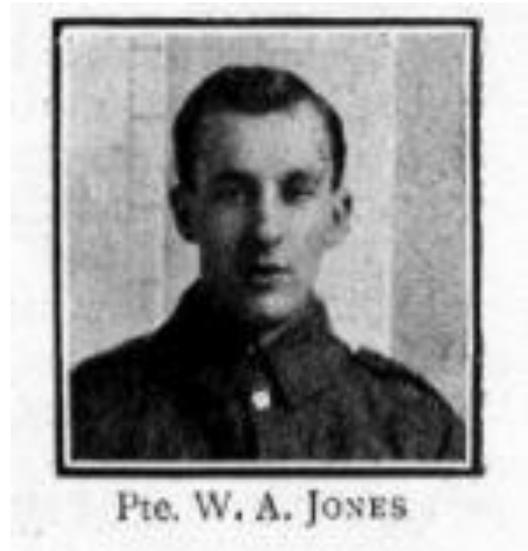
William Albert Jones (Q3 1896 – 25 November 1917)

William was the son of Edward and Jane Jones who married in 1885. Edward was born in Shrewsbury, Shropshire and his wife Jane in Isleworth. Edward was a packing case maker.

Edward and Jane had 9 children: Edward Charles (1887), Harry George (1890), Elsie (1892), Horace Sidney (1894), William Albert (1896), Florence Elizabeth (1900), Gertrude (1902), Alice (1904) and Frederick in 1906. All the children were born in Isleworth.

In 1901 and 1911 the family were living at 19 Percy Gardens, North Street, Isleworth. In 1911 Edward and Jane still had 8 children living with them. Harry, aged 21 and Elsie, aged 19, were soapmaking hands and Horace aged 18 was a mill hand. William, then aged 14, and his younger siblings were not employed. However by 1915 William was working in the East Melting House at the Pears Soap Factory in Isleworth.

William joined the 8th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment as a Private on 8 November 1915 and later transferred to the 20th Battalion. His older brothers Edward and Harry also enlisted in the army.



In November 1917 William's Battalion was with the 40th Division near Cambrai in France. On 22 November they relieved the exhausted 62nd Division at Graincourt. This relief was carried out in the face of many difficulties owing to the muddy state of the congested roads. On 23 November the 40th Division were ordered to capture Boulon Wood. That day there were cold winds with showers of sleet and rain. Fierce fighting ensued for several days and allied troops gained some ground, only to be forced to retreat following a subsequent enemy attack.



151 Linkfield Road, Isleworth

William was killed in action on 25 November 1917 at the age of 21. He died at Graincourt having been shot through the neck which resulted in a bullet entering his lung. He is remembered at the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, near Bapaume in France. He was also commemorated by his employer Messrs A & F Pears as well as at both All Saints and St John's Churches.

By the time of William's death his parents, Edward and Jane, were living at 151 Linkfield Road, Isleworth. His father was the beneficiary of his personal effects.