



Private Arthur George Joyce (G/1642) was born in Twickenham in 1884 to parents Henry and Jane Joyce (nee Hurrup) who had married at St Philip & St James' Church Whitton in 1869. In 1881, the family were living at 1 Ellen Cottages, 2nd Cross Rd Twickenham and three children had been born, Harry, Anne and Jesse. Their father was a general labourer. Ten years later the family can be found living at The Mareway, 11 Colne Rd, Twickenham and the future soldier Arthur (now 6) has joined the family. By 1901, Arthur (16) is the only child now living at home at 19 The Mereway. Sadly this Census also tells us that Arthur's father Henry, now 53, is 'blind in one eye' and has a 'crippled arm'. As a general labourer - it must have been difficult for him to find work.

On 26th Jan. 1902 Arthur married Amy Ada Bourne at St Mary's Parish Church in Teddington. **Their wedding certificate states that Arthur is a plumber and is 21 years old, but he was actually only 17.** The parents probably agreed to the marriage as Amy was expecting their first child, Arthur, who was born in early August that year. Their second child Winifred, born in 1904, died soon after she was born. Her baptism service records that the family are living at 36 York Rd Teddington. The 1911 Census records a growing family with Emily and Henry- William arriving in 1905 and 1908. Interestingly Arthur has reverted back to his true age of 26, his wife being 4 years older. Arthur is working as a 'Jobbing' Gardener, and the family are now living at 2 Albion Rd, Twickenham. Baby Frederick is born in 1912 and Sidney arrives in Sep. 1913, but does survive. His parents organise a private baptism for him at St Stephen's Church, Twickenham. 🌹

Arthur was quick to enlist and fight for his country. With such a large family, the Army pay would be a blessing! Some of Arthur's army records survived the fire of the 2nd WW, and show that Arthur had a medical in Richmond on 26th August 1914. At 29 he was passed fit and probably enlisted in Kingston. He joined the 3rd Battalion Middlesex Regiment. Weeks later, after minimal training in Winchester, Arthur marched with his battalion to Southampton, boarded a boat and landed at Havre on 19th Jan 1915. **He would be dead in a month.** It is not clear exactly where Arthur was killed in action but it was almost certainly in the Ypres sector where trench warfare continued after the First Battle of Ypres and before the Second. Arthur would have been living and working in the most appalling conditions where water came up to his knees and 'the parapet was not bullet proof'. He would have been surrounded by the bodies of his friends. **On a torn and burnt piece of Arthur's service records there are the words "reported missing" and elsewhere "death presumed" 15.2.15. He would probably have been hit by a shell.** Arthur has no grave as his body was never found. He is remembered on the Menin Gate at Ypres Panal49/50 (see below), and at All Saints Church, Church Street in Isleworth. He was awarded the 14-15 Star, the Victory Medal and The British War Medal. After the war, his wife and children moved to 26 Church Road, Isleworth.



FULLER E.	JOHNSON W.	OLDHAM A.
FULLER S.	JOHNSTON H.J.	OLLARD B.T.
FULLER T.	JONES J.	ORME C.T.
FULLILOVE C.	JORDAN H.	OSBORNE W.
FUNNELL G.E.	JOYCE A.G.	OSBORNE W.
GALLANT H.	JUPP W.	OTTERWAY J.
GARDNER R.J.	KEENE F.	OXLEY E.R.
GARDNER E.	KEMP M.	PAGE S.C.
GARTSIDE J.A.	KEMPEN H.G.W.	PALMER J.
GATES G.	KENNING C.	PARKER A.
GIBBINS F.W.	KENT A.B.	PARKER S.
GIBSON D.	KENT L.P.	PARROTT C.
GILES W.T.	KEDDING S.	PARROTT W.E.