

John O'Brien



John was born in 1900 in the March Quarter in Brentford and appears on the GRO Birth registration as John, with his mother's maiden name of Welch. Although on some documents he is referred to as John David O'Brien, we believe that this is the person referred to on the Isleworth Memorial and also on the one inside St Bridget's Church. On each of these he appears as J O'Brien.

John's parents were William O'Brien, born in Ireland around 1861 and Mary Welch born in 1864 in Brentford, who was living at 3 Castle Place, Upper Square in Isleworth in 1871. The family's names are spelt as either O'Brien, or the anglicised versions of Bryan, Brine. William and Mary married in the 1st Quarter of 1877 in Brentford. In 1881, they were living at 1 North Street, Isleworth with their sons William (4), and Patrick (1). See below for an 1894 map of Isleworth with North Street marked. By 1901, they had moved to 8 Back Lane, Brentford, and were joined by Edward (6) and John (1), William continued to work in the market gardens. By 1911, they were living at 11 Town Wharf, Isleworth with the addition of Margaret at 10 months. Patrick, John and Margaret were their three surviving children, out of 7 that were born. By this time, their son, Patrick was working at the Skin factory, in lining work.



John enlisted in Whitehall, giving Brentford as his place of residence and birth. He joined the 18th Battalion of the London Regiment (The Irish Rifles); his medal roll starts his very brief service from 18th August 1918. In under a month, on September 5th 1918, he was to die from wounds received in an accident. He was buried at Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension in France. He was awarded the Victory

and British medals and his mother Mary was his beneficiary. Daniel is remembered on St Bridget's Memorial, see right and he also appears on Ireland's Memorial Records 1914-1918, see left .

