

## Percy Albert Peacock



Percy was born in March 1891 and lived at 3 Hanover Terrace, London Road, Isleworth with his father William John Peacock (1863-1931) born in Isleworth, listed as a gardener in 1886 and a carter in the 1891 census, and his mother Amy, nee Grimes (1861-1917), from Holborn. Also in the 1891 household were his sister Minnie Elizabeth (born in 1886) and brother, William John (1889-1941)

In 1901 Minnie, now 15, was working as a nursemaid for the Gavens family at 17 Upper Square in Isleworth. The family lived at Tolson Road in 1, Whitethorne Cottages: Percy is aged 10, Henry (1894-1918) is aged 7 and Herbert (1897-1940) aged 3, brother William is listed as a coachman. By 1911 Percy is recorded as a packer, his brother William, is a milkman roundsman, Henry is an errand boy and they have another son, Arthur (1902-1988), aged 8 and two more daughters – Winifred May (1906-1981) aged 4 and Gladys (1910-1954) aged 1. The family have moved to 19 Tolson Road and William senior is now a potman in a public house.

Percy enlisted at Kingston on 15<sup>th</sup> November 1915 with the declared age of 24, giving his occupation as a packer. He was 5'6", had a scar on the right hand side of his abdomen, and a girth of 36", when fully expanded. His family address was 12 Algar Road, Isleworth (*see below*) and he served, the 3<sup>rd</sup> East Surrey Regiment as a private (16055) and then moved to the 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the East Surreys. He moved up to Lance Corporal with the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal West Kent on 18<sup>th</sup> February 1916. His service record shows that he was treated for a carbuncle on the field, at a casualty clearing station, and then a general hospital in May 1916 but returned to the field a few days later. He was declared missing and then for general purposes, accepted as killed in action on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1916 in France. His body was exhumed and reburied at the Caterpillar Valley Cemetery in Longueval, France. The only personal effects returned to the family were his identity disc. He was awarded the Victory and British War medals. Percy is remembered locally at All Saints Church, Isleworth. His brother Harry also died 'of illness', and, in service, with the Royal Field Artillery on 9/07/1918.



Percy's siblings 'survived' the trauma of the loss of their two brothers in 1916 and 1918, and their mother, Amy in 1917. Minnie Elizabeth was working as a barmaid at the Angel Hotel in Roehampton in 1911. William John was living at 19 Percy Road, Isleworth in 1939. He was working at a dye factory and had married Ida Laura Fennell in 1915 in the Brentford area. Herbert was living at 124 Haliburton Road, Isleworth in 1939. He was an assistant foreman and has married Emily Bennett in 1925 in Brentford. Arthur was living at 323 St Margaret's Road, Isleworth in 1939, with the occupation of a carpenter's labourer. He had married Violet Broad in Brentford in 1924. Winifred May was living in Deptford in 1939, with her husband, Arthur Stait; they had married in Brentford in 1933. Gladys married Joseph Dimmock in 1938 and was residing in Richmond in 1939. Percy's father, William John, continued to live in the local area until his death in 1931.