

George Charles Rainbow



George Charles's birth was recorded in Wandsworth in early 1895. He was the son of George Charles Rainbow (1865-1916) and Emma Olive Barleycorn (1872-1951) who married in All Souls Parish Church in Newington (see below left for a picture of the church) on 30th March 1890; at the time they were resident



at 13 Palmerston Street, Southwark. George was a groom and his father, Charles, a costermonger; Emma Olive was 21 and her father, a decorator. For the next twenty years they lived in and around the Wandsworth area, with their addresses on some of their children's baptismal records and on the 1901 census when they were living at 69, Laitwood Road, Streatham and 1911 at 24 Letchworth Street Tooting. Their oldest surviving child, Emily Olive, was born in 1892; Walter Richard, born in 1898, was registered at Broadwater School in Tooting in 1902 and enlisted in Chiswick on 12th July 1915 into the East

Surreys. The family had by then moved to Isleworth and in 1915, were living at 44 South Street, Isleworth. Walter (11301) entered France on November 30th 1915 and survived the war. In 1915, Frank Rainbow was born in Isleworth, their youngest son. George Charles's other siblings were: Ivy Violet who was born in 1903 and in 1923 married John Pickett in Wandsworth, John William born in 1904, Isaac Arthur born in 1907 and Herbert Jacob in 1909.



Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
RAINBOW, George G. C.	9/R. Fus.	Pte.	1006
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	TP/104 B.	48	K. in A. 3/3/16.
BRITISH	100	100	
15 STAR	T.R./56B.	42.	
Theatre of War first served in	11/7 France.		
Date of entry therein	1/6/15.		

George Charles enlisted in Hounslow, was posted to France on June 1st 1915 and served with the Royal Fusiliers, City of London Regiment, the 9th Battalion, which had been formed at Hounslow on 21 August 1914 as part of K1 and came under command of 36th Brigade, 12th (Eastern) Division. He was killed in action on 3rd March 1916, aged 21 and was awarded the Victory and the British War medals and the 1915 Star (see above). He is remembered on the Loos Memorial (above right) and by the CWGC as the son of Mrs E Jackson (formerly Rainbow) of 50 Graveney Road, Tooting and the late George Charles Rainbow. His father had died in Isleworth in 1916, the same year as his son. His mother remarried Frank Jackson in Wandsworth. George Charles was also remembered in All Saints Church, Church Street, Isleworth.