



George Richard Reeves (4 October 1899- 29 June 1918)

George was born in Whitton in 1899 and in 1901, aged 1 he was living at 5 Park Place in Whitton with his father, William aged 31, an agricultural labourer and his mother Ada, aged 27. William and Ada (nee Howe) had married in Brentford in 1891. Also at Park Place were his brothers William aged 6, Charles aged 3, Reginald aged 2 and his sister Ada Edith, aged just 6 months.

By 1911 George, aged 11, was living with his family at 1 Nevell's Place, Percy Road, Whitton. The family now included 2 more siblings: Florence aged 8 and Harry aged 6. By 1917 when he was aged 17, George was working as a milkman.



George enlisted in the army on 23 October 1917 at Whitehall, just after his 18th birthday. He was a Private in C Company of the 24th Battalion of the Training Reserve. After a few weeks in the army, he fell ill and was diagnosed with tuberculosis. In April 1918 he spent time in Fort Pitt Military Hospital in Chatham. He was

discharged from the army at Hounslow in May 1918 as he was no longer fit for war service. He had served for just 199 days. His army service record included the following comment "his conduct has been entirely satisfactory". He was sent to a sanatorium in Barnet where he passed away on 29 June 1918. He was just 18 years and 8 months old.

George's elder brother William became a Private in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and was killed in action on 27 July 1917 at the age of 22. He is commemorated on the Menin Gate at Ypres in Belgium. His other brothers, Charles and Reginald also both enlisted. Charles served as a Gunner in the Royal

Field Artillery and Reginald enlisted as a Private in the Manchester Regiment. Charles and Reginald both survived World War 1.



George was buried at St Philip and St James Church in Whitton on 5 July 1918. Both he and his brother William are commemorated on the war memorial at that Church.

St Philip & St James Church, Whitton