



Albert Cecil Scagell (Q3 1896 – 19 June 1917)

Albert was the son of Albert William and Beatrice Mary Scagell (nee Leeks) who married at Stow in Suffolk in August 1891. Albert senior was born in St Pancras, London and his wife Beatrice in Stowmarket, Suffolk. Albert senior was employed as a foreign wood agent's clerk.

Albert and Beatrice had 4 children, one girl and three boys. The eldest was Montrose Vivian was born in 1893 followed by Albert in 1896; then came Dorothy Beatrice in 1898 and finally, Philip Oliver in 1900. Dorothy and Philip were born in Hornsey while Montrose was born in Lee in Kent and Albert in Islington. Shortly after the birth of the youngest child Philip, their mother Beatrice died leaving Albert senior a widower with four children aged under 9.



3 St Marys Crescent, Isleworth

In 1901 the family were living at 55 Barrington Road, Hornsey. Father Albert re-married in 1908 to Elizabeth Jane Basson. By 1911 Albert and Elizabeth were living in 3 St Mary's Crescent, Spring Grove with the four children. The eldest Montrose, then aged 18, was working as a foreign provisions agent's clerk while the other 3 children were still at school. Albert was attending Isleworth County School (now Isleworth and Syon School). They had a live-in domestic servant.

Albert joined the London Rifle Brigade of the London Regiment in October/November 1914. His rank was Rifleman in the 1st/5th Battalion. His Regiment was joined with others to form the 169th Brigade in the 56th London Division in 1916. His older brother Montrose enlisted in the army in December 1914. Initially he was a Private in the 15th Battalion London Regiment but in 1917 was transferred to the Army Labour Corps. He survived the war and was demobbed in 1919.

On 3rd May 1917 Albert's Battalion was part of an advance at Arras as the 56th Division assaulted the lines east of Monchy le Preux. On 8 June it was planned to take over the front line astride the Cojeul river. On 9 June the London Rifle Brigade were ordered to march from Danville to Achicourt and then to Beauvais; finally to be accommodated in the Telegraph Hill area. On 16 June it was planned to advance the front line by 350 yards between the Cojeul river and the railway. Posts and concertina barbed wire were to be installed under cover of darkness on the nights of 17/18th and 18/19th June.

Albert was killed in action on 19 June 1917 at the age of 20. He is remembered at the Arras Memorial in the Fauborg d'Amiens Cemetery in the western part of Arras, Pas de Calais, France. He is also commemorated at Isleworth and Syon School.

His father was the sole beneficiary of his personal effects and his home address at the time of his death was "Hazlemere", Staines Road, East Bedfont.