

Edward Charles (Michael) Scarlett

On 2nd November 1915 a Requiem Mass was sung at St Bridget's Catholic Church for eight former pupils of St. Mary's School. One of them was Michael Scarlett, killed in 1914.

(RIGHT: *Middlesex Chronicle* 30 Oct 1915)

The Commonwealth War Graves record has his name as Edward Charles Scarlett, son of Elizabeth Scarlett, of 17 Church St., Isleworth, and the late Edward Charles Scarlett. They were Catholics, and Michael must have been his baptismal name. It is as M Scarlett that he appears on the war memorial.

Census records say he was born in Lampton, Hounslow. His birth was registered as Charles Edward Connor [sic]; his mother Elizabeth Conner married Edward Scarlett in 1892 in the local area. On the 1901 Census the boy is listed as Charles E. and in 1911 as Edward. He had eight younger brothers and sisters. One of them, Joseph Bernard, is also on the war memorial and they are both on the St Bridget's memorial.

In 1901 and 1911 the family was at 10 Queen's Terrace, and moved to 17 Church Street in about 1913. His father Edward appears as Michael Edward in the electoral registers. He had been in the Army, and was at Hounslow Barracks in 1891, probably in the 14th Hussars. By 1901 he was a bricklayer's labourer.

Edward Charles Scarlett enlisted in the regular army at Kingston on 15 July 1909, at age 18, when he was a greengrocer's assistant

to William Rodhouse, Kensworth Terrace, Worton Road. He was a Private in the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. Five years later, it was one of the first regiments to land in France, on 12th August 1914.

On 14th September he was killed in heavy bombardment near Troyon, in the Battle of the Aisne. Over 100 others from his regiment died in the same engagement, and most are recorded on the same memorial to those with no known grave, La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial.

He had married Rose Elizabeth Paveley at Romford in 1913. They probably had no children. (She married again in 1928 to Alfred English and had a son.) His father died in 1918, and his mother Elizabeth remained at 17 Church Street until about 1936, then lived at 8 Kennet Road until her probable death in 1955. Some of the younger Scarlett brothers also lived in Isleworth for many years.

