



## Alfred Small (Q2 1893 – 25 November 1918)

Alfred was the youngest son of Shadrack and Mary Ann Small (nee Lee) who married in 1875 in Brentford. Shadrack was born in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire and his wife Mary Ann in Isleworth. Shadrack was a Market Garden Labourer.

Shadrack and Mary had 6 children: Annie Elizabeth (1876), James (1878), Rosina Anna (1884), William John (1887), Frederick Edward (1890) and finally, Alfred born in 1893. All the children were born in Isleworth or Hounslow. Sadly Frederick died in 1892 so Alfred grew up with his two older brothers and two older sisters.

In 1901 the family were living at 38 Algar Road, Isleworth. Alfred's father Shadrack died in 1905 at the age of 58. Mary was left a widow when Alfred was aged just 12. In 1911 his mother Mary, along with Rosina, William and Alfred were living at 23 Steele Road, Isleworth. Alfred's sister Rosina had married Augustus Keene in 1904 and he headed the household at Steele Road. Augustus was a Market Gardener. At that time his mother Mary was working as a Domestic Charwoman, brother William as a Soap Boxmaker while Alfred was employed as an Ironfounder's labourer. In 1895 Annie, Alfred's oldest sister, had married Augustus Keene's older brother, Ernest James John Keene, and in 1911 they were living with their children at 6 Percy Road. In the same year, not far away at 108 Worple Road, James Small, Alfred's brother, was living with his wife Mary and their children.



**23 Steele Road, Isleworth**



**Royal Artillery War Memorial, Hyde Park Corner, London**

Alfred joined the Royal Field Artillery as part of D Battery in the 11<sup>th</sup> Brigade. At the time he enlisted he was employed by the Isleworth Rubber Company and was a member of the Isleworth Football Team. He became a Lance Bombadier.

By November 1918 he had been serving on the Western Front for two and a half years and had survived being gassed in July 1917. Following the Armistice on 11 November 1918, Alfred was still in Flanders and he fell ill with influenza. After a few days illness, he developed pneumonia and died on 25 November at the age of 25.

He is buried in the middle of the east part of Oudenaarde Communal Cemetery, East Flanders in Belgium. He was also commemorated at St Bridget's Church, Isleworth. At the time of Alfred's death, his mother Mary was living at 11 Algar Road, Isleworth.