

## Leonard Turner



Leonard, born in 1895 in Epsom, was the second son of Samuel Turner (1868-1953), a grocer and shop keeper, and originally from Eltham; and Mary Charman (1866-1961), from Ingatestone in Essex. His parents had married in the Brentford area in 1892. By 1901, the family was living at 92, Devonshire Road, Chiswick. They were still there in 1911, but then moved to 26, St John's Road in Isleworth (see below left for a 2018 photo of that property). In the 1930s and for the rest of their lives, they lived at 13 Riverside Walk, Isleworth, and later with Leonard's brother, William Alfred, and his wife, Annie D Morgan, whom he had married in 1923.

Leonard's siblings were: Winifred May (1894-1982), in 1911, she was a clerk at the General Omnibus Company, and after her marriage in 1923 to Sydney Thomas, a furniture representative, moved to Wimbledon. Samuel (1897-1918) sadly also died in WW1 a few months after his brother, having served in the Royal Air Force and is commemorated in the Doiran Memorial. William Alfred (1902-1985) was also a green grocer, as was the youngest member of the family, David (1907-1985) who married Mabel Bryanton in 1930 and was living on the Twickenham Road in 1939, continuing the family tradition as a shop keeper, grocer and fruiterer.

Leonard worked as a junior clerk for a builder's company in 1911. After the outbreak of the war, Leonard enlisted at Stamford Brook. His service records are not available but we know that he served with the C Company, Middlesex Regiment



, in the 2/10 Battalion. Private Turner (29133) was posted to the Egyptian Theatre and killed in action on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1918, during the Battle of Tell 'Asur, after the decisive Allied victory at the Battle of Jerusalem. He was buried in the Jerusalem Cemetery,

Yerushalayim (Jerusalem District), Israel. His father Samuel received his soldier's effects: £22 2s 2d on 31/10/1919 and his awards: the British and Victory medals.

Leonard, and his brother Samuel, are both named on the memorial in St John's Church (see above right), across the road from their house, and also close to their parents' next house in Riverside Walk.

