

Remembrance Sunday

(a reflection as we are not able to meet)

As we are now all in a difficult time then I felt that it is time to remember and reflect on those who served us so well in the past and gave the ultimate sacrifice as this could be a time when we can only reflect on Remembrance Sunday at 11am and give them 2 minutes of our precious time.

Let us remember

Fitzmaurice Valentine Scoones - his name is forever remembered on the Feltham War Memorial - photo below

He was the son of Major Fitzmaurice Scoones who lived at Holly Farm (now Holly Parade) in 1911 having previously been living at The Hermitage in Heston . As a man of Middlesex, F V Scoones was one of 4 brothers all who served in the Army , 2 of the brothers became high ranking officers in the Indian Army who fought at the Battle of Imphal which was part of the WW1 Burma Campaign (am at present writing up a history of this family as part of my Military Project 2020) . The last brother died in 1991 aged 90 .

Let us remember

Denys Alfred Lafone Ainslie – Click on image below for details - son of William Ainslie and Jane Lafone dau of Alfred Lafone of Hanworth Park House



21 May 1894 in 2nd Lieutenant 1st Battalion, Devonshire Regiment. Killed in action 24th October 1914. Aged 20. Born Feltham, Middx. Resident Harrow Weald, Middx. Baptised 22 June 1894 in Kings Walden, Hertfordshire. Son of William Langstaff and Jane Ainslie of Hanworth House, Harrow Weald. No known grave. Commemorated on Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais France. Panels 8 and 9.

Extract from *Bond of Sacrifice: Officers Who Died In the Great War 1914-1916*, volume 1, page 3:

2nd LIEUTENANT DENYS ALFRED LAFONE AINSLIE, 1st BATTN. DEVONSHIRE REGT., who was killed in action on the 24th October, 1914, in France, was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ainslie, of Hanworth House, Harrow Weald.

He was educated at Wellington, where he was in the Talbot from 1906-1910.

He was gazetted to the 3rd Battalion of his regiment in April, 1913, and was granted a commission in the 1st Battalion in August, 1914.

Death also reported in *Uxbridge & W. Drayton Gazette* - Friday 29 January 1915

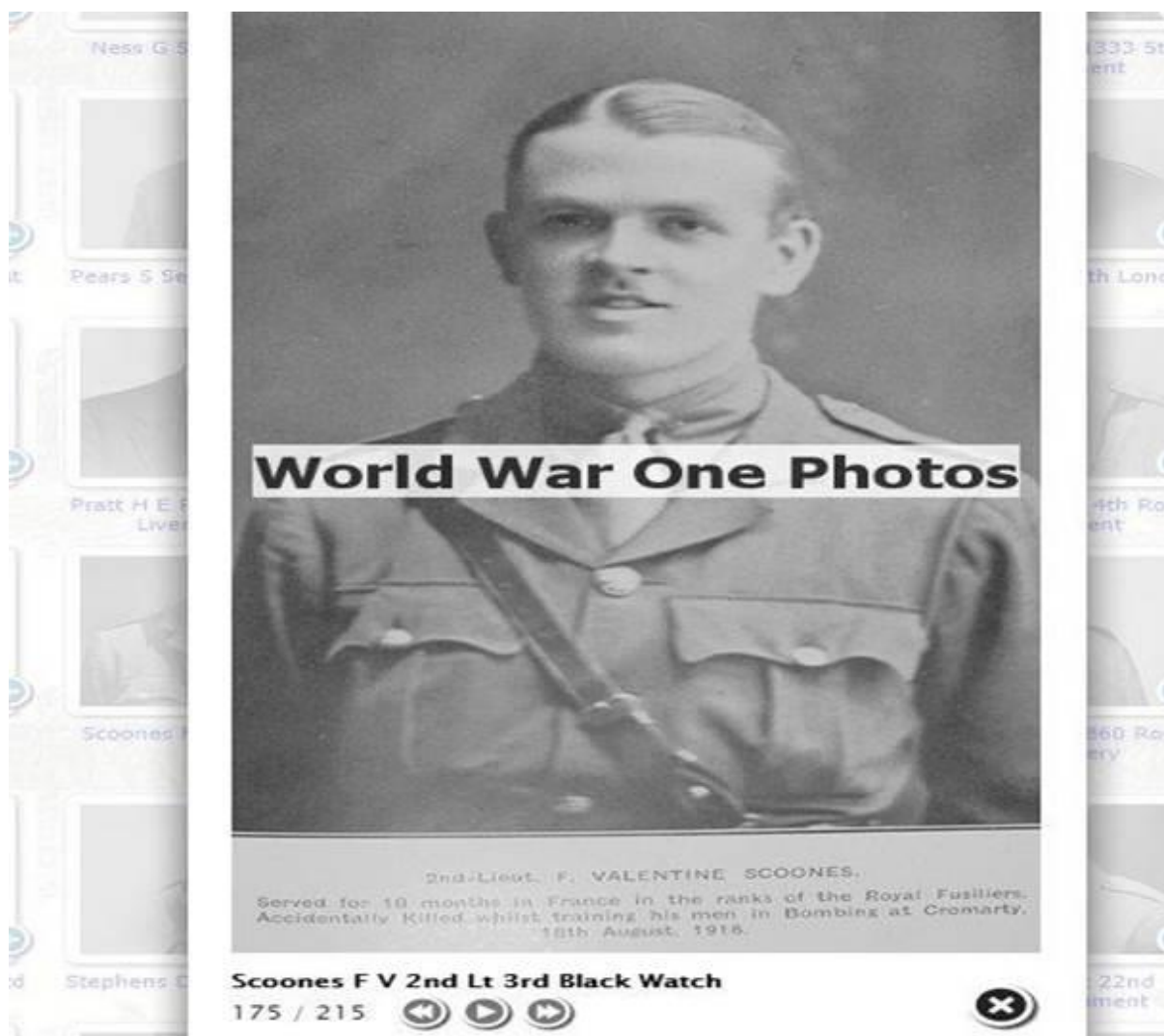
Mr William Longstaff Ainslie was a local Councillor, – he was also served on the County [Middlesex] Court.

Let us remember

The Isleworth 390

The **Project** To commemorate and recognise each of the **390** individuals of **Isleworth** who died serving in WW1. A parade was organised on the 9th Nov 2014 which saw **390 school** children, each wearing a sash with one of the fallen soldiers' names on, parade around **Isleworth** before the centenary service at the **Isleworth War Memorial**.

(A book has been produced detailing 375 biographies of the 390 men listed on the Isleworth Memorial and is available from the Isleworth Society).



Let us remember any family member who served his country

Am proud to remember my Grandfathers

Major John Smith Woods of the Siege Battery Royal Artillery who as a young man served in WW1 in France, Belgian and latterly Sierra Leone as part of the BEF being mentioned in despatches and receiving the MC and the Belgian Croix de Guerre. He was unfit for service in WW2 as he suffered from poor eyesight and a heart condition which were both hereditary . He became a successful businessman and resided in Staines - he passed away from a heart attack at the early age of 56.

A/Sgt Maurice Harry Fredjohn – a Russian Jew who escaped from Silesia in the early 1900's and was attached to the Labour Corps and sent to North East Russia as part of Operation SYREN based in Murmansk as an Russian speaking interpreter and awarded the MSM for his services and full British Citizenship in 1920.

He worked as a London Merchant after WW1 but was employed by the Secret Service in WW2 being subsequently captured and executed in 1942 leaving behind a widow of 42 with 3 children.

At the going down of the sun we will remember them

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Kind Regards

Tony