

# One hundred years of remembering [WW1]

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Commemorable is a very little used word these days but its meaning is clear “worthy to be commemorated”- on page 162 of my 1929 Dictionary it sits alongside such words as Commandment, Commando, Commend- the latter which in its self translates as “to present as worthy of confidence or regard, ‘to praise’ or to recommend to the remembrance or kind reception of” is voluminous

**World War One**; Soldiers (list) Bedfont, Feltham, Hanworth

There were many more Felthamites in fact 139 men of Feltham that were to give their lives to the cause of peace:

Whereas we in our locale have no holders of the most

highest of military awards our thanks and praises are no less diminished to those ordinary or not so ordinary, who gave so much for the peace of the world throughout the last century.

The highest medal of commendation was bestowed upon :-

GLADING, Frederick Cecil born Feltham, enlisted Shoreditch resided Feltham



Joined 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), killed in action 10th August 1917 aged 25

He was the son of Mrs Mary Glading of 84, Queen’s Road, Feltham

He is commemorated Menin Gate at Ypres. His medal index card shows that he arrived in France on 26th July 1915 and consequently was awarded a 1914-15 Star as well as the British War and Victory Medals.

## **11th (Service) Battalion**

Formed at Hounslow on 6 September 1914 as part of K2 and came under command of 54th Brigade, 18th (Eastern) Division. Landed at Boulogne in July 1915.

The parishes of Bedfont, Hanworth and Feltham contributed many of its sons to fight in World War One with around 200 of them failing to return.

The parish of Bedfont at the beginning of the twentieth century was 1908 acres in extent and with population of some 2426; the first world war took 9 of its young men, though many more signed for the cause.

Hanworth’s toll was a little more – Hanworth at that time was 1352 acres and with a population of around 2188 -54 of its finest paid the ultimate sacrifice