

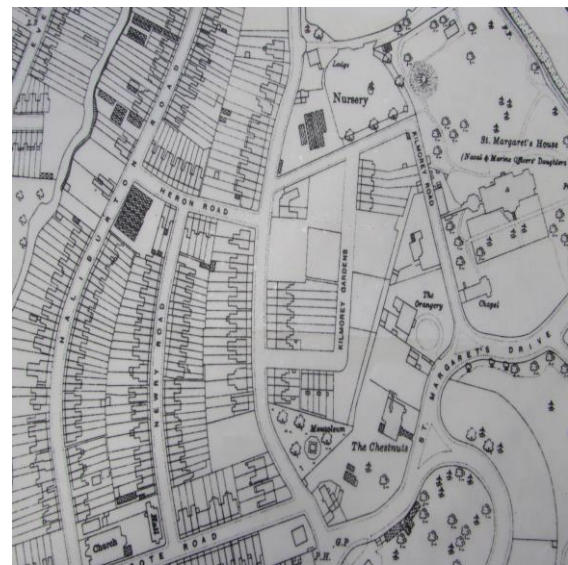
Robert Douglas Cope



Robert was born in 1893 in Isleworth, the son of Charles Cope (born 1857, Wallingford, Berkshire) and Emily Eliza Parratt (born 1857 in Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, married in St James Church, Bermondsey on 7th September 1884). Charles's father was recorded as a coal merchant's agent, Emily's father as a baker, Charles as a gardener. The family lived in Fulham in 1891 and then in The Chestnuts, Ailsa Drive, Isleworth in 1901 and in 1911 at Rose Cottage, St Margarets. On the 1911 census, Charles recorded that they had ten children, eight of whom were still living. Charles William (25, a postman), Edwin John (24, a postman), Henry Thomas, (23, a postman), Mabel Ellen (19), Robert Douglas (17, a railway clerk), Alfred Sidney (14) and twins:- Alice Edith (10) and Herbert Stanley (10); he was still a gardener. In 1919, the family were living at 16 Northcote Road, St Margarets, formerly Isleworth.



The Chestnuts and surrounding area in 1894-6 Ordnance Survey



Rose Cottage and Ailsa Drive in 1915, Ordnance Survey map

Robert enlisted in Twickenham and served with the London Regiment in the 22nd (County of London) Battalion (The Queens) as Private Cope (682408, and formerly in the 5th Royal Fusiliers (G/25544). He was killed in action on 9th October 1916, aged 23, and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of



16 Northcote Road in 2016

the Somme, as well as at All Souls Church, Northcote Road, St Margarets. His soldiers' effects were left to his father, Charles: £3,9 shillings and 3 pence on 22nd November 1917 and £3 on 22nd December 1919. Robert's brother, Henry Thomas Cope, was to die two months later than Robert, at Etaples.

