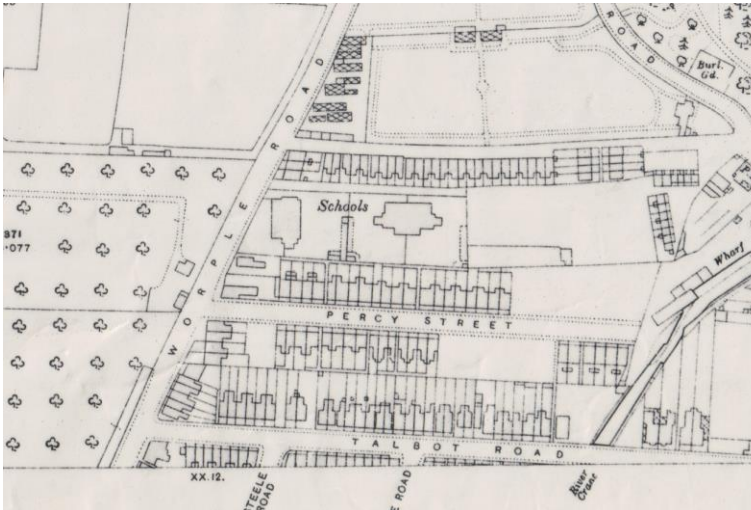


## Albartus Degens



Albartus was born in Arnhem, Holland in 1883. He is first shown in the census of 1911 as living at 77 Talbot Road, Isleworth with his wife and their 3 young children. Albartus was a barber/hairdresser working from home, aged 28; his wife, Helen was 25, born in Highgate, north London and their 3 children were Malvina Maria Catherine, aged 4, born in Islington; Helen Alberta, aged 3, born in Hampstead and their son, Albartus, aged 7 months born in Isleworth.



*Talbot Road and surrounding area. Ordnance Survey Map c1915*



*62 Talbot Road in 2015*

married in Brentford in December 1912. They had another daughter, Ada in June 1914 and the Middlesex Chronicle (April 28<sup>th</sup> 1917), refers to a fifth child. Piernetta (Paternella?) was born in Isleworth and married in 1939. Albartus joined the 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Fusiliers as a private (46584) and was killed in action in Arras, France on 16<sup>th</sup> April 1917, aged 33. He is buried in Aubigny Communal Cemetery extension, grave ref 11. E. 44 (Aubigny cemetery is 15kms NW of Arras and hold over 2000 dead from WW1, including those who fell on Vimy Ridge) He is also commemorated on the All Souls Memorial, St Margarets and at All Saints, Isleworth. Helen married Joseph Denton, who was also widowed, in September 1920 and lived at 62 Talbot Road, Isleworth, and opposite number 77. They had a son, Joseph in June 1921 but he died the same month.

Albartus and Helen (nee Gray) actually



*Albert Degens outside his barber shop in Talbot Road, Isleworth*