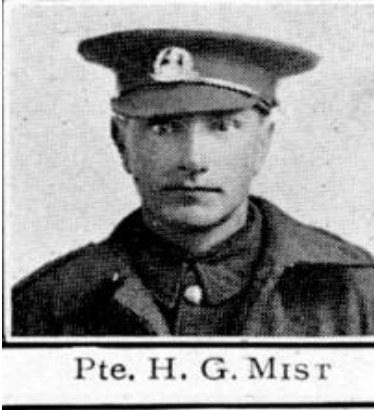


## Herbert George Mist

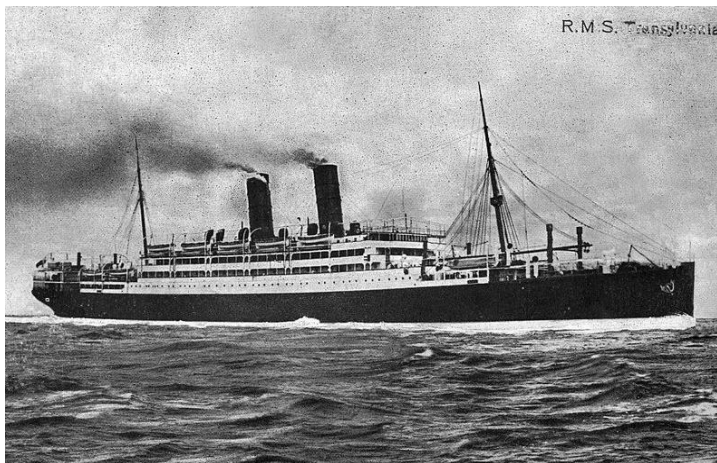


Herbert George Mist was born in Brentford in January 1884 and was baptised on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 1884 in St Anne's Church on Kew Green. His father, James was a station master and the family lived at Kew Bridge Station. James was from Fordingbridge in Hampshire and his mother, Lydia, was from Haverstock in Essex. Herbert had 3 elder brothers James William born 1869 and Ernest Charles born 1871 who worked as Railway Clerks and Frederick John born 1880. He also had a sister, Beatrice Mary who was born in 1882.



By 1901 Herbert was 16 and working as a Number Taker on the railways. He lived with his parents and his aunt Eliza at Kew Bridge Station. According to the London and South Western Railway records of 26<sup>th</sup> February, 1900, Herbert's job as a Number Taker earned him 8 shillings per week. By 1905 he had worked a Brentford, then Wimbledon Park and Clapham Junction as a carriage cleaner and was earning 16 shillings per week. He was dismissed on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 1905 for absenting himself without permission and becoming intoxicated. He was working at the Pears Factory, close to Linkfield road in Isleworth before he enlisted.

Herbert married Ida Olive Sansom in December 1910 in Brentford and is listed on the 1911 census living with his in-laws at 162 Linkfield Road, Isleworth as a Cab Driver (horse vehicle) – unemployed. Ida worked as a calendar machinist in a laundry. They had 2 daughters Beatrice in 1911 and Hilda in 1913. Herbert's father James had died in June 1904 and his mother, Lydia now 71 was a widow living at 9 Newton Road, Isleworth.



Herbert enlisted in Hounslow into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion of the Essex Regiment as Private 36477. On 4<sup>th</sup> May 1917 the ship he was travelling on, the SS Transylvania (**see above right**), en route to Salonika with reinforcements was sunk by a torpedo off Cape Vado, a few kilometres south of Savona. Herbert was one of more than 400 lives lost that day at sea. He is commemorated on the Savona Memorial in Italy and was awarded the British War Medal. He was

32 years old and never saw his baby son, Fred, who was born after his death in 1918. He is remembered on the Memorial at St John's Church, Isleworth

Ida remarried George Hornblow in December 1921 and they had a further 4 children: Arthur GT in May 1922; Ida H in October 1923; Ernest AO in July 1925 and David in January 1931. In 1939, Ida and George were living at 139 Linkfield Road. Herbert's daughter Beatrice married Arthur Smith in June 1930 and had Betty CI in March 1931 and Waldo in March 1935. Hilda married Jack Young in December 1935 and had Linda I in December 1945. Hilda and Jack were listed as living at 127 Linkfield Road in 1939.