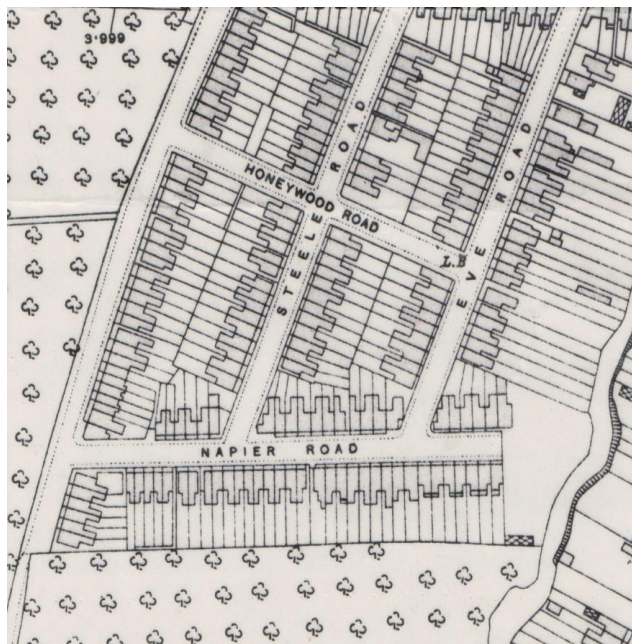


## John Arthur Novice



John Arthur Novice was born on 14<sup>th</sup> January 1888 in Kensington. His father, John, was born in Finsbury and in 1881 was serving on S.S Lapwing and in 1891, living at 53 Chesson Road, Fulham as a labourer, with his wife, Eliza, born in Fulmer, his son, John Arthur and Frances, aged 7, Robert aged 6 months and Edith Daley, sister, aged 14. They were at 51 Chesson Road in 1901, joined by the younger children, Norah aged 8 and Harold aged 4. John Arthur is recorded as a stationer's assistant, his father as a general labourer. In 1911, John Arthur, an office boy, before enlisting in 1905, was serving on the Ariadne. By 1916, his father had become the caretaker at Worple Schools, Isleworth and lived in Eve Road; John had served on 14 different ships.



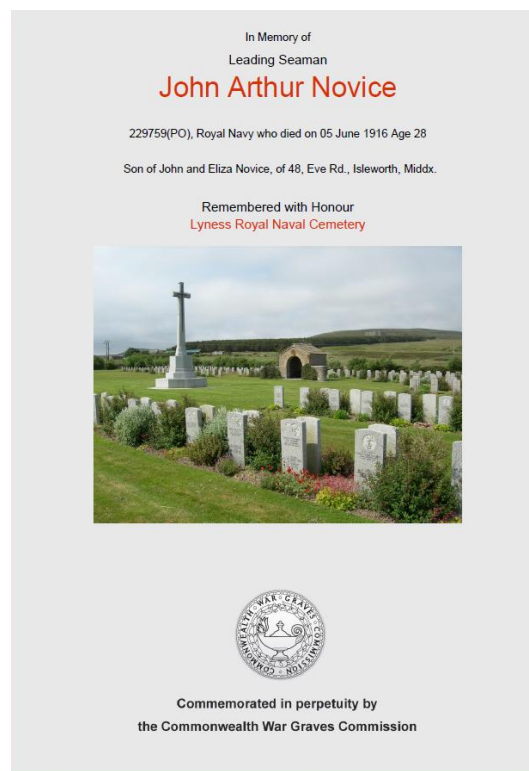
*Eve Road, Isleworth C1915 Ordnance Survey Map*



*Rose Cottage, 48 Eve Road, Isleworth in 2016*

John Arthur's naval record describes his service in the navy since 1905 until 1916, when he sailed on his last voyage with HMS Hampshire. This boat sank in wild water on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1916, shortly after the Battle of Jutland and off the coast of Orkney. Lord Kitchener had joined the boat that same evening 'en route' to Russia and lost his life too. There were only a few survivors from this disaster.

The Middlesex Chronicle of July 15<sup>th</sup> 1916, records that 'Unlike hundreds whose relatives went down with the vessel, Mr Novice (John Arthur's father) had the satisfaction of knowing that his son's body had been recovered and buried in the naval cemetery in the Island of Hoy, Orkneys'. John is also remembered on the memorial at All Souls Church, Northcote Road, St. Margarets.



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