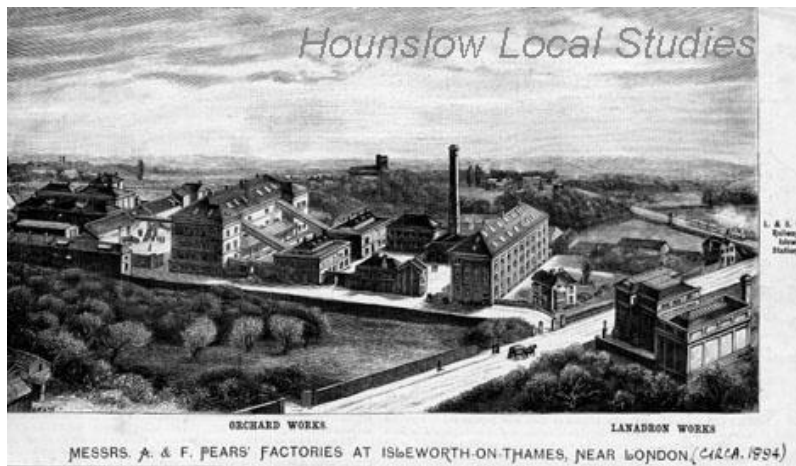


Arthur Walter Perry

Arthur Walter Perry was born in the first quarter of 1888 in the borough of Kensington. He was the only son of Arthur Perry, a coal porter born in Essex, and his wife Hannah Rachel Perry (nee Sopp). Arthur and Hannah had four children, all of whom survived to adulthood. Arthur junior's siblings were Nellie (born 1886), Ethel (born 1890) and

Hannah Elizabeth (born 1892). All four children were born in the Kensington registration district. The family remained in the North Kensington until at least 1901, but by 1911 they had moved to 52 Linkfield Road, Isleworth.





See *above* for a 2017 photo of the property

Ethel and Hannah Elizabeth were both working at the Pears' Soap factory – very close to their house in Linkfield Road. Ethel was a packer and Hannah was a tube-filler. See *above left*

Arthur is not with the family as he had joined the army by then and may never have lived in Isleworth. He is registered on the 1911 census as a soldier in the Royal Field Artillery, in the Bulford Barracks, Salisbury. His soldier's papers have not survived but it is likely that he joined the army as soon as he was old enough. Unless he had more than basic education, the alternative would be poorly paid, labouring work. The army offered the opportunity for travel and adventure, as well as danger. Arthur was killed in action on 29th June 1916 just before the Battle of the Somme began, aged 28. He is also remembered on the memorial in St John's Church, Isleworth.

In Memory of
Gunner
A W Perry
48145, 126th Bty., Royal Field Artillery who died on 29 June 1916

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