

# Arthur Hill Sturrock



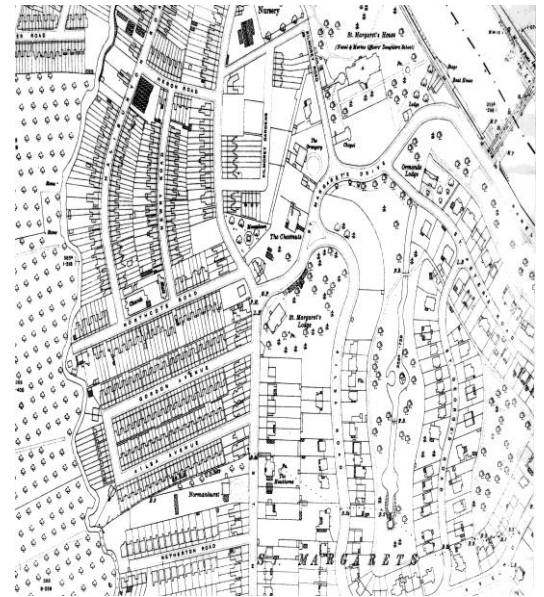
Arthur Hill was born in 1886 in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire. He was the first child born to Arthur Sturrock senior and his wife Jean Sturrock. Jean's maiden name was probably Hill. Arthur and Jean had five other children, Helen born about 1888, Peter Alexander Crawford born about 1889, Margaret Mather Crawford born 1891, Mary born about 1892 and Ruth born about 1895.

By 1911 Jean and five of her children are living at 80 Dynes Road, Brondesbury. Jean declares herself to be widowed. Arthur is a merchant's clerk. At some stage in the next six years, the family moved to Springmere, Ailsa Road, Isleworth.



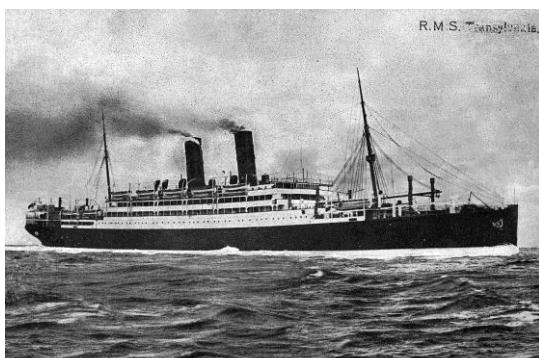
**Left:-** Springmere, 20 Ailsa Road, in 2016

**Right:-** the Ailsa Road area in 1914

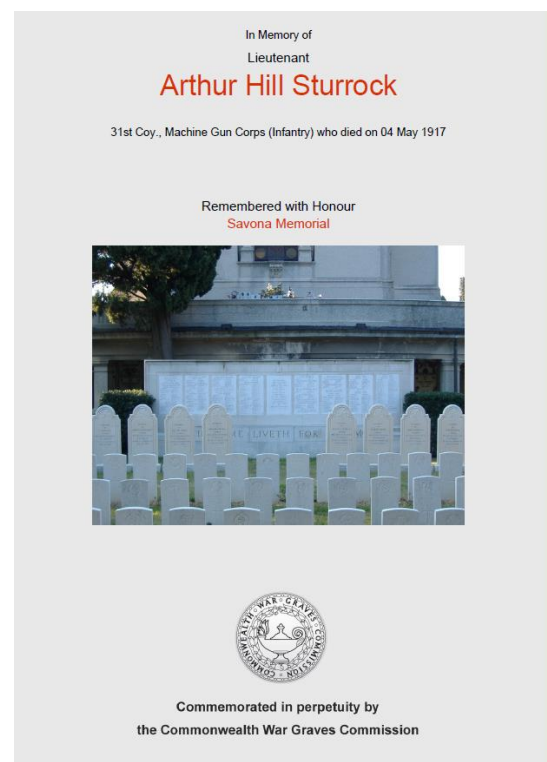


Arthur joined the Royal Irish Fusiliers but was later attached to the Machine Gun Corps, and received a temporary commission as Lieutenant. In the spring of 1917, he married Ida Vaughan, but died almost immediately. He was on board the SS *Transylvania*, which was attacked by the German U-boat 63 near Cape Vado in the Gulf of Genoa. The *Transylvania* was sunk by a torpedo aimed at one of the Japanese escort destroyers, the *Matsu* and the *Sakaki*. (see below) Arthur's name appears on the Savona Memorial and also on the Gaijin Bochi memorial in Yokohama, Japan.

Arthur's younger brother, Peter, was killed by a mine explosion in the North Sea in 1919. Both men are also commemorated on the memorial in All Souls Church, Northcote Road, St. Margarets.



*RMS Transylvania* by Unknown - Postcard from circa 1916, Public Domain. The ship was discovered in 2011 off the coast of Savona at a depth of 130 metres.



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