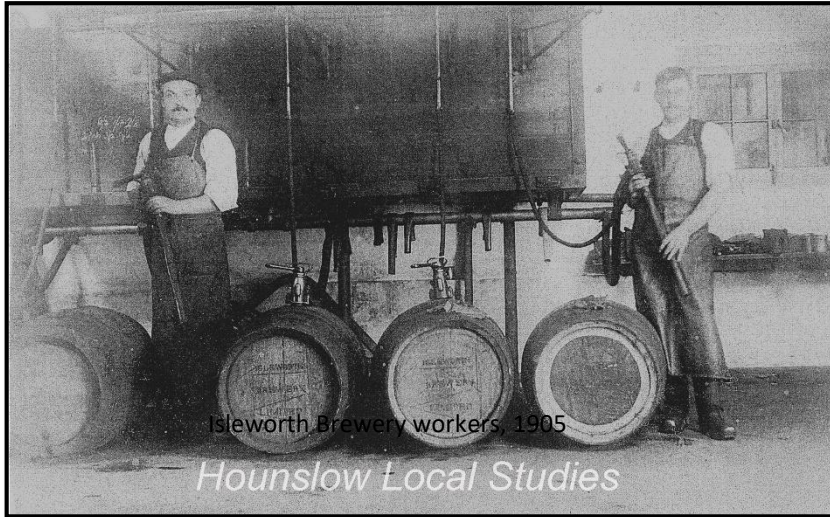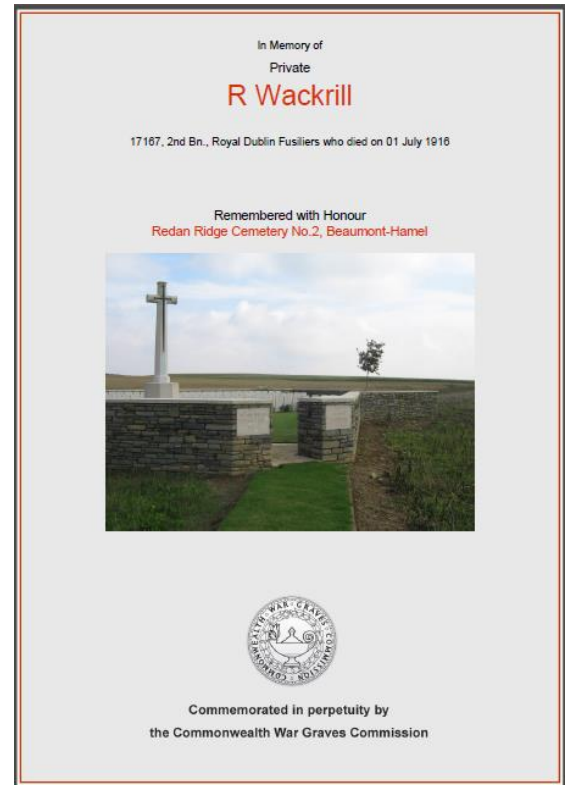**Richard Thomas Wackrill** (spelt incorrectly as Wackerill on the war memorial) was born on 25th Sept 1891 in Stoke Newington or Islington, to parents Richard and Harriet. By 1900 the family had moved to Isleworth, 4 Hartland Cottages, and Richard was baptised at All Saints, along with his brother George and 3 sisters.

His father was a brewer's assistant. In 1911 they lived at 31 North Street, and Richard junior was also working at the brewery as a bottler. **Below**: *Isleworth Brewery workers 1905*

Isleworth Brewery workers, 1905
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Richard enlisted in September 1914 at Hammersmith and joined the 2nd Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers (private 17167). He landed in France on 3rd May 1915. His obituary in the *Middlesex Chronicle* 2nd Sep 1916 mentions that he had seen action in the Battle of Loos, Hill 60 and Ypres. He was killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1st July 1916, aged 24. He is buried in Redan Ridge Cemetery No. 2; 106 others in cemetery died the same day. He was also remembered in the Memorial chapel at All Saints Church, Isleworth. His brother George survived the war. They are both mentioned on the Blue School Roll of Honour. The other Wackerill name on the war memorial is a mystery.

In Memory of
Private
R Wackrill
17167, 2nd Bn., Royal Dublin Fusiliers who died on 01 July 1916

Remembered with Honour
Redan Ridge Cemetery No.2, Beaumont-Hamel

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Isleworth Blue School, Group 4, c 1905.

This boy in the photo was named Wackrill. It's either Richard or his brother George.

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