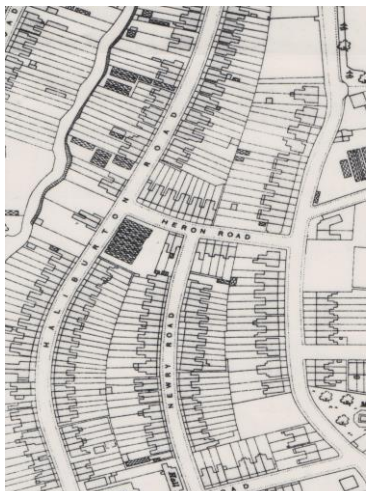


# William Wopshott

William was born in 1884 in Kingston Vale, the son of Roland George, known as George, Wopshott, who worked in the Royal Parks and Sarah Lucy Wopshott, nee Denyer. Between 1877 and 1895, George and Sarah had nine children: George born in 1887; John born 1878; Georgina born 1881 (died in 1882); Frederick Thomas born in 1882; William born in 1884; Rose Victoria born in 1887, Ellen (Nellie) born in 1889; Florence born in 1891 and Arthur Edward born in 1895. Sarah died in 1914, Roland died in 1922.



William did not move to Isleworth until comparatively late. In 1902, aged 18, he joined the army, signing on for 12 years and being posted to the Kings Royal Rifle Corps. In 1903, he was posted to South Africa, in the aftermath of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Boer War. In 1905, he converted his army service to reserve status and in 1907, he married Elizabeth Sarah Lawrence at St Pauls in Wimbledon Park. They had two sons, Alfred Lawrence Wopshott born 1907 and Ernest W. T. Wopshott, born in 1911. By 1911 they had moved to Kenley Road in Twickenham and he was a milkman and by 1914, they had moved to 2 Heron Road in Isleworth. William's reserve service ended on 22nd July 1914, just before war was declared. Two months later on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1914, he re-enlisted in his old regiment.

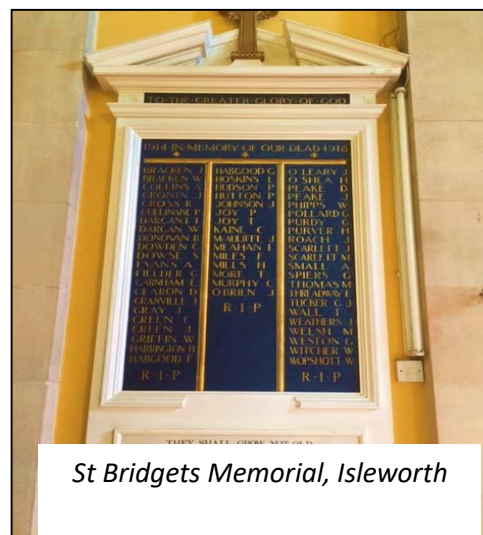
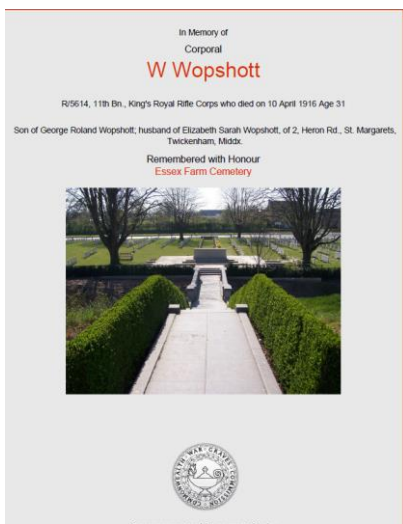


*Heron Road, Isleworth in c 1915 Ordnance Survey map*

*2 Heron Rd in 2015*



William was killed on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1916 in France and is buried in the Essex Farm Cemetery in Ypres. He is also commemorated on the memorials at St Bridget's Church Isleworth and All Souls, St Margarets.



*St Bridget's Memorial, Isleworth*