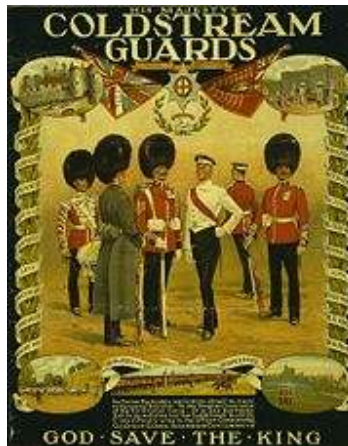


JOHN R BOND

John Robert Bond was born in Partney in 1902 and baptised at St Nicholas Church on 27 July 1902. He was the son of Charles William & Elizabeth Bond. His father was a baker. By 1905 Charles was, according to Kelly's Directory, working as a 'baker, grocer and sub postmaster'.

The 1911 Census found John, a scholar, living with his two sisters and a brother in Partney. His brother, Charles Allan, and his father both emigrated to Australia in 1912. His brother served with the Australian forces and is also recorded on the memorial in St Nicholas Church.

John joined the Coldstream Guards, possibly influenced by this poster displayed at the time:



He joined as a drummer but did not necessarily play the drums as Guardsmen in the Band are known as 'Musicians' and in the Corps of Drums they are called 'Drummers' no matter what instrument they play.

The 1918 Electoral Register shows Elizabeth Bond as living in a property near The Mill.