

## **ALBERT S B PIPER**

Albert Sidney Barchard Piper was born in Wandsworth, London in 1898.

In 1901 he was living at 41 Clapham Park Road, Clapham with his widowed grandmother, his aunt Ellen, his cousin, his mother and father and his brother William J Barchard Piper who served and died in the Great War.

His grandmother was Charlotte Barchard nee Armstrong. She was born in Partney in 1839 and married William Barchard in Wandsworth, London in 1857. She was the aunt of Henry Armstrong who is also recorded on the Partney memorial.

In 1911 Albert's uncle Sidney Barchard was working as a servant for George & Ellen Bailey, bakers of Partney. On the night of the 1911 Census, Sunday 2nd April, his mother Alice Piper was visiting Partney.

The rest of the family are shown living at 43 Old Town, Clapham, London where Albert was still at school. Albert's cousin Edith Armstrong was also living at 43 Old Town Road – she was the niece of the afore-mentioned Harry Armstrong. Also living with the Pipers was Harry and Albert's cousin, Mary Anne Storey. She was also the cousin of Joseph Storey who also appears on the memorial in St Nicholas Church.

Albert enlisted with the Royal Fusiliers, regimental number GS/68662. Also known as the City of London Regiment, the Royal Fusiliers raised no fewer than 47 battalions for service in the Great War. The prefix GS stood for General Service.

He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.