Thame Remembers

Private
Sidney Augustus Shrimpton

Sidney Augustus Shrimpton was born in the parish of St Olave, Southwark, London on the 16th January 1890. His mother was Emily Shrimpton from Long Crendon, but his father is not known. He returned with his mother to Long Crendon in 1891 where he was baptised on the 24th March. They went to live with her parents in the post office in the High Street, next to the Eight Bells public house, but when his mother married John W Hinton in 1892, she moved a few doors away, leaving Sidney to be brought up with his grandparents.

In September 1910 it was announced in the London Gazette that Sidney had been appointed as a postman (Thame), and in 1911 he was boarding in 62 High Street, Thame with Lawrence Webster, a town postman.

In early 1916 Sidney enlisted in Thame in the Royal Fusiliers with the service number SPTS/4700. He initially joined the 30th (Reserve) Battalion who were at that time based at Oxford. This was a reserve battalion for the 23rd and 24th "Sportsmans" battalions. However, Sidney was posted to the western front with the 9th Battalion. On 22nd July 1916 the battalion was at Mailly-Maillet, near Beaumont-Hamel. Sidney Shrimpton, at the age of 26, was one of several casualties sustained during the night due to shelling his body was not recovered or identified.

G/4700 Private Sidney Augustus Shrimpton, Royal Fusiliers, has no known grave and his name is therefore commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme. He is remembered on the war memorial in Long Crendon.

The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered
to his memorial on
20 May 2017
by
Jenny Williams

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