

GEORGE W THACKER

George William Thacker was born in Partney in 1887. His father Charles was an agricultural labourer. He was baptised in St Nicholas Church on 20th August 1887. He was the son of Charles and Sarah Ann.

In 1901 George was living in Partney and working as a Post Office Telegraph Messenger. Telegrams could be dictated at the Post Office in person or over the telephone and were delivered by young men who were classed officially as 'Junior Postmen' but commonly known as messenger boys and later as telegram boys. The telegram was carried in a black leather pouch carried on a black leather belt. Local deliveries were made on foot or on a red bicycle.



A Telegraph Boy about 1870

George served as a Private in the Army Service Corps during the First World War. His Regimental Number was M2/098697. The prefix "M2" indicates he served with one of the Army Service Corps' Mechanical Transport Companies and this was attached to the 2nd New Army, formed in December 1914.

George's brothers Charles and Walter also served during the First World War.

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