

## *Robert Herbert Butler*

Private, Royal Army Service Corps. Enlisted at Devizes, January, 1917. Served in Italy. Died in hospital, 39th C.C. Station, October 26th, 1918. Buried in Geaveta [*sic*] British Military Cemetery, Italy. General Service and Victory Medals.



ROBERT BUTLER WAS born in Chelsea in London in 1888. His parents Alfred and Sarah Anne (née Arundel) had met while they were both working as domestic servants in Kensington; they married in 1882 and had two children, William and Robert.

Sarah Anne Arundel was born in Wales but lived in Corsham before she moved away to go into domestic service. By 1891 Sarah was widowed and back in Corsham, living with her mother Elizabeth Arundel in Pickwick. They were still there in 1901, with Robert now an errand boy and his brother William a brewery clerk.

The next record of Robert is in January 1917, when he enlisted for the Army in Devizes – he was a Private in the Army Service Corps when he married Lily Holloway in Swindon, before he was transferred to Italy. They had two sons, Richard and Alfred, before Robert died while in service in Italy on 26th October 1918. Robert is buried in the British Military Cemetery in Giavera.