

CHIPPER FAMILY



Family History

Richard William Chipper married Sarah Maria Stirling in Perth in 1868. The following year, the couple moved to York where their first child, Amy Frances, was born. Richard was an industrious man, winning the tender for the mail contractor from York to Guildford in December 1870.

By 1872 he was climbing up the professional ladder.

Richard applied for a Publican's General Licence in late 1872 for the King's Head Hotel, located on Avon Terrace in York. He ran the hotel for eight years before selling and then bought it back, in 1882, for the sum of £2 500. Richard remained proprietor until his death in 1888.



A line drawing of the Kings Head Hotel Circa.1892
Courtesy York Residency Museum p2011.19

Richard had many other interests in and around York. He owned various properties which were rented, farm land (including the property known as “Arnold Park”) and five acres opposite the Town Hall. Richard was involved in money lending, purchasing hides, kangaroo skins and sandalwood as well as offering carriages and conveyances for hire.



Sarah Maria Chipper
Circa 1900

Courtesy York
Residency Museum

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After Richard's death, Sarah, with 8 children to look after, took on the management of The King's Head Hotel. She successfully ran it for five years before letting it out in 1893.

Once the hotel was let, Sarah made her income from renting out the homes she owned and taking in boarders in her home, "Westrella".

As a result of her efforts, Sarah's children wanted for nothing. They attended secondary school interstate and received the best education money could buy.

CHIPPER

Ross Richard Vivian

Service No: 68



BASIC INFORMATION

Name: Ross Richard Vivian Chipper

Service number: 68

Date of enlistment: 4th November 1914

Age at Enlistment: 31 years and 2 months

Civil Occupation: Farmer

Medals, Honours, Awards: 1914/15 Star,
British War medal, Victory medal

Height: 5 feet 5 inches

Weight: 142 pounds

Chest measurement: 38 inches

Complexion: Brownish

Eye colour: Grey

Hair colour: Dark Brown

Father: Richard William Chipper

Mother: Sarah Maria Stirling

Siblings: Amy Frances, William Whidby, Emma Amelia, Horace John, Elsie Oakover, Laura Ethel, Eva Mary, Lindsay Lewis Stirling.



PRIVATE R. V. CHIPPER,
(10th Light Horse.
Killed in action.)

Courtesy of: National Archives of Australia

Life Story

Ross Richard Vivian Chipper was born in 1883 at York, the second youngest child of Richard and Sarah Chipper. He attended York State School then went on to attend Prince Alfred College, in Adelaide, between 1899 and 1900. Ross was a keen sportsman, competing in the College's one-mile bicycle race and winning prizes for shooting as a cadet.

After school, Ross returned to Western Australia where he remained interested in a variety of sports and social clubs. In 1905, Ross was involved with yacht races for The Flying Squadron Club in Perth and, in 1906, he won prizes for his pigeons at poultry shows. In 1907, Ross was elected Secretary of the Beverley Rifle Club and Assistant Secretary of the



Ross and Lindsay Chipper. The photograph was taken before the men left for Egypt.

Courtesy York Residency Museum
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Beverley Branch of the Australian Natives' Association. In 1909 he was a member of the Norseman Cycling and Touring Club and Assistant Secretary for Norseman Cricket Club.

In between all the sport and socialising, Ross had a very successful career as a clerk in Perth. In 1909, he was appointed Acting Clerk of Courts, Clerk to Magistrates and Acting Electoral Registrar at Norseman. By 1911, Ross was back in the Avon Valley, farming "Pautapan" at East Quairading with Roy Inkpen and his brother, Lindsay, trading as the Chipper Brothers.

In 1913 he was appointed Justice of the Peace for York Magisterial District, while also farming "Ullakine" with Lindsay.

Ross enlisted very early, the 4th November 1914, at Guildford because York did not have an enlistment station at that time. His early enlistment is reflected in his low service number, 68.

After completing basic training, Ross sailed from Fremantle with his youngest brother, Lindsay, on board *Mashobra* on the 8th of February 1915. After arriving in Alexandria, both brothers were forwarded to Gallipoli on the 5th of May 1915.

Victoria Cross recipient, Captain Hugo Throssell, a fellow alumnus from Prince Alfred College who hailed from Northam, stated after the War that he had spent the evening of the 6th of August 1915 with his brother, Eric, and Ross and Lindsay Chipper. The following day, both Chipper brothers were Killed in Action at Walker's Ridge during the Battle of the Nek.



Ross Richard Vivian's Grave at Ari
Burrin Cemetery Gallipoli Plot 1
Row E Grave 15.

Ross's Mother Sarah was sent this
photograph in a memorial card
after the war ended.

Courtesy York Residency Museum
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Sarah Chipper never recovered from losing her two youngest children. Can you imagine her pain on receiving not one, but two, telegrams on the same day?

Sarah retired to Mount Street, Claremont and named her home 'Ross-Lin' for her two sons.

She died there in 1926.

CHIPPER

Lindsey Lewis Stirling

Service No: 97



BASIC INFORMATION

Name: Lindsay Lewis Stirling Chipper

Service number: 97

Date of enlistment: 6/12/1914

Age at Enlistment: 28

Service Rank: Lance Corporal

Civil Occupation: Farmer

Medals, Honours, Awards: 1914/15
Star, British War medal, Victory medal

Height: 5 feet 7½ inches

Weight: 158 lbs

Chest measurement: 35-36 inches

Complexion: Pale

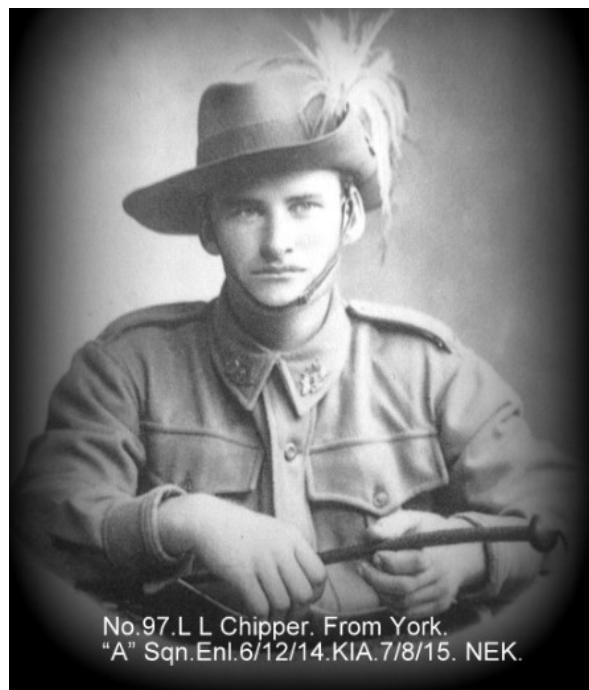
Eye colour: Blue

Hair colour: Brown

Father: Richard William Chipper

Mother: Sarah Maria Stirling

Siblings: Amy Frances, William Whidby, Emma Amelia, Horace John, Elsie
Oakover, Laura Ethel, Eva Mary, Ross Richard Vivian.



Courtesy National Archives of Australia

Life Story

Born in York in 1887, Lindsay Lewis Stirling was the youngest child of Richard and Sarah Chipper. He attended York State School as a child but, like his elder brother Ross, was sent interstate to complete his schooling at Prince Alfred College in Adelaide.

Lindsay was a keen sportsman and became vice-captain of the Sargood's Cricket Club in Perth in 1909. He may have worked for Sargood's as a travelling salesman after leaving school, as his name appears on passenger lists between Perth, Hopetoun and Norseman in 1909 and 1910.

In 1913, Lindsay returned to York and went into partnership with Ross, farming at Quairading.

Lindsay enlisted at Guildford exactly a month after his brother, on the 4th of December 1914. He, too, has an extremely low service number: 98.

Once he had completed basic training, Lindsay sailed with Ross from Fremantle on board the *Mashobra* on the 8th of February 1915.

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These badges were issued to the mothers and widows of all servicemen who had been Killed in Action or died as a result of their service.

Sarah's badge has two stars to indicate the two sons she lost.

Courtesy York Residency Museum
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