

GEORGE CLEMENTS

George Clements was born in 1896 in Ickham in Kent. In 1901 he was living with his mother Ellen, his sister Ellen and his brother James at The Duke William pub in Ickham Street, Ickham. His widowed mother was the licensed victualler.



By 1911 the family had moved to Partney. George's mother had married John Fox in 1902. John Fox, a farm bailiff, had been a neighbour in Ickham and was now working as a night watchman at a sewerage works.

George was employed as a carpenter's apprentice.

During the First World War George served as a Private in the 5th Lincolnshire Regiment. A brief overview of the activities of the battalion gives some idea of his war service:

August 1914 : in Grimsby. Part of Lincoln & Leicester Brigade, North Midland Division.

May 1915 : the formation was retitled as 138th Brigade, 46th (North Midland) Division.

1 March 1915 : landed at Le Havre.

7 January 1916 : moved with Division from Marseilles to Egypt.

4 February 1916 : embarked at Alexandria and returned to France.

31 January 1918 : transferred to 177th Brigade, 59th (2nd North Midland) Division.

31 July 1918: absorbed 2/5th Battalion.