

GEORGE THOROLD

George Thorold was born on 1st July 1887 in Burton Coggles, the son of John Thomas and Lucy Thorold. His father was a waggoner. Burton Coggles is a village on the West Glen River, about 8 miles southeast of Grantham.

In 1901 George was working as a grocer's errand boy in Partney but by 1911 he had enlisted in the navy. The census shows him as an able seaman resident aboard the HMS Vernon in Portsmouth. The HMS Vernon was berthed in Porchester Creek, mid-stream, using buoys and anchors. It was a shore establishment used as a torpedo school as well as training officers and ratings in wireless telegraphy skills



An instructor on HMS Vernon

George served as an Able Seaman in the Royal Navy during the First World War. His Official Number was 226594.

George's brothers Frederick and John also served in the First World War. His father John Thomas Thorold, who was Parish Clerk from 1899, had died on 1st November 1915 aged 61 after a very short illness. His mother Lucy Ann died on 15th March 1921 aged 64.