

George Chapman

36541, 12th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment. Died 16 November 1918, age 19

George was born October 1899, fourth of six boys born to Edman Chapman, a labourer, and Martha Elizabeth (nee Currington). The family lived at The George, High Street and then Popes Lane, Warboys. George was baptised in Warboys parish church 4 October 1903 age 4 years.

George could have joined the Territorial Force age 17 or been conscripted age 18 but would not have been expected to serve overseas until he was 18 and 6 months which would have been in March 1918.



He joined the Royal Norfolk Regiment, 12th Battalion who arrived in Marseilles in May 1918. Among other battles they took part in the final advance in Flanders at Ypres. They fought in one of the last engagements of the war, the Action of Tiegham, on 31 October 1918, securing a vital road for the Allied advance.

It is likely that George was mortally wounded in that action because he died on 16 November 1918, five days after the armistice. He is buried in Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, France. Nearby were numerous hospitals for the wounded.



The inscription on his war grave was chosen by his mother and reads, **“For Ever With The Lord, Amen, So Let It Be”**. George’s mother Martha Elizabeth died in 1950 and his father Edman in 1952. His brothers all survived to live full lives.

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