

Private GEORGE HENRY BARNACLE

George was born in about 1896. The 1901 census records that he and his sister Margaret were living in Walcote with his grandparents, William and Emma. By the age of 14 George was working as a hosiery packer.

George served with the 7th Battalion of the South Staffordshire Regiment which was raised in Lichfield as part of Lord Kitchener's First Army. It initially saw service in Gallipoli and Egypt but in June 1916 it was ordered to France to reinforce the Third Army on the Somme.

We don't know when George enlisted but he did see service on the front line in Flanders where his Battalion was ordered to relieve the Sherwood Foresters. The Battalion war diary records numerous gas attacks and shelling and frequent patrols being sent out.

George died of his wounds on 18 April 1918 aged just 21. He is buried in the Houchin British Cemetery near Bethune, Pas de Calais, France.



*At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*