

Sapper WALTER GEORGE CLAPHAM

1859630, 17 Field Coy., Royal Engineers
who died age 35 on 30 May 1940

Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Clapham; husband of Lily Louisa Clapham, of Bredon, Gloucestershire.
Remembered with honour in the VEURNE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION



Because he was a former Grammar School pupil who did not live in the town, we have little information upon this sapper. However, because of his age, we can surmise that he was either a regular or a Territorial soldier who was killed in the *Dunkirk* campaign.

It is likely that he was the son of G. T. Clapham, collector of Taxes for Tewkesbury who was also secretary of the British Legion, having won the *Croix-de-Guerre* Award as R. Q M S. G. T. Clapham of the *Royal Fusiliers*. There is a young Clapham who, in 1919, was a scout and won a school prize.

He is also commemorated on the Memorial Plaque in Bredon Church.¹

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After Enlistment



Temporary Grave before CWGC



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