

## William Edward Ansell (The Lincolnshire Regiment)

1896—1917: age at death 21



PTE. W. E. ANSELL, NEWARK.

William was the eldest son of Frederick and Alice Ansell of 13 Kelham Villas. His father was born in Lincoln in 1865, and he is recorded in the 1881 census as living at 174 High Street, Lincoln, the son of a provisions merchant. William's father and mother both died in Southwell, his mother in 1928 and his father in 1931.

As a boy, William was a patrol leader with the Bassingham and Thurlby Baden Powell Scouts.

He joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Lincolnshire Regiment in October 1915, training at Belton Park, Nottingham and Saltfleet. He went to France on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 1916.



On 1<sup>st</sup> July 1917 William was on duty as part of a Lewis gun team with four other men when a shell hit them, killing him and one other man, and seriously wounding two others. His regiment was involved in attacks towards Lens, operating near the Souchez River.

William is buried in Loos British Cemetery, France.