

WALTER JAMES CLINGO

**Sergeant, "B" Company,
1st Battalion, South Wales Borderers,
3rd Brigade, 1st Division.**

Killed in action during the Battle of Loos on Monday 27th September 1915.

Walter James Clingo was born at Nordelph, Norfolk in 1883-4. We have no record of him having ever lived in Ettington. However, his mother Hannah (nee Phillips) was born in Ettington and was from a very long-established Ettington family, the Wilkins family.

Hannah had gone to work at Upwell, Norfolk, where she met her husband James Clingo and was married to him in 1881. Walter was the second of their four sons.

James Clingo was a farm worker and came to live in Ettington where, at the time of the 1901 census he worked as a steam plough driver. It appears they lived next to Tollgate House. By then both Walter and his elder brother, John, had joined the Coldstream Guards and were at the Chelsea Barracks.

By 1911 the family had moved on again and living in a farm cottage at Great Malvern. Walter had left the army by then and worked as a labourer for the Urban District Council. John was still a serving soldier.

He enlisted at Brecon very early in the war. He is commemorated on the Loos War Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

As well as the Ettington memorial, his name is on the war memorial at Malvern.

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