



## **George RAWLINGS**

**Rifleman. 16<sup>th</sup> Bn. Rifle Brigade**

### **At KES:**

George was one of five children and an orphan. He was in the care of his sister when he came to KES in 1907. Described as "good, House and Woodwork" so when he left in 1911 he went to be a plumber with his brother-in-law.

**Date of Death: 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1916**

**Place: France**

**Buried: Thiepval Memorial, Somme**

George has no known grave and was 21 years old when he died. Comprising the main Allied attack on the Western Front during 1916, the Battle of the Somme is famous chiefly on account of the loss of 58,000 British troops (one third of them killed) on the first day of the battle, 1 July, which to this day remains a one-day record. The attack was launched upon a 30 km front, from north of the Somme river between Arras and Albert, and ran from 1 July until 18 November, at which point it was called off.