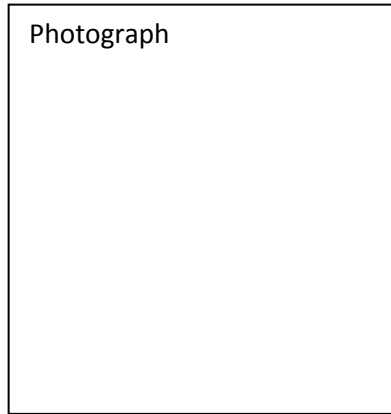


<i>Name</i>	John William KENCH
<i>Birth Place</i>	Swerford, Oxon.
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Telegraph Wireman
<i>Date of Birth</i>	Last quarter of 1886
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	11 December 1915



<i>Parents</i>	John KENCH and Julia KENCH (née ROSE)
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<i>Married</i>	Ada Annie CURTIS from Bugbrooke on 15 April 1909
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<i>Information from National Roll of the Great War</i>
No entry found.

<i>Additional Information</i>
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John KENCH was one of four children of John KENCH, an ironstone miner, and his wife Julia. In 1909 he married Ada CURTIS from Bugbrooke.

John was working for the General Post Office (GPO) as an Assistant Telegraph Wireman when he attested for service with the Royal Engineers (RE) on 11 December 1915, though the GPO had at first been unwilling to release him.

As a Sapper (private soldier), John was allocated number 37712 and served in England until he was transferred to the Army Reserve from 7 December 1917, apparently never having served abroad. He was discharged as 'surplus to military requirement' from the RE Depot at Chatham on 14 December 1918, returning to Bugbrooke.

He does not seem to have qualified for any medals for his military service and he does not appear in the roll for the Silver War Badge.

John died on 6 January 1980 and his widow on 5 September 1974, aged 89, and both are commemorated on a memorial tablet in St Michael & All Angels churchyard, numbered 175.