Name	Samuel Thomas GEORGE	
Birth Place	Daventry	
Occupation 1911		Compositor
Date of Birth		22 March 1889
Date Enlisted		9 December 1915

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Parents	John William GEORGE and Sarah
	GEORGE (née MAJOR)

Married Eveline Rose CHAPMAN on 8 April
1912

Information from National Roll of the Great War

GEORGE, S., Gunner, Royal Garrison Artillery

He joined in May 1916, and in the following year proceeded to France, where he was in action at Arras, Ypres, Passchendaele and Cambrai. He also served in the Retreat and Advance of 1918, and after Armistice was stationed with the Army of Occupation on the Rhine. He returned to England, and was demobilised in October 1919, and holds the General Service and Victory Medals.

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Additional Information

Samuel GEORGE was the son of John GEORGE, a 'clicker' in the shoe trade, and is wife Sarah (a waitress when they married in 1883).

His father died in early 1889 (buried on 8 March), aged just 28, and his widowed mother went to live with her local parents-in-law, Samuel and Mary GEORGE, along with the two-year old Samuel. Sarah re-married in autumn 1892, to Edward COX, a local postman, and Samuel stayed with them and their eventual six or more children, still in Daventry. By 1911 Samuel was working as a Compositor, and a family visitor recorded in 1911 is one Eveline Rose CHAPMAN – his future wife.

Samuel first attested on 9 December 1915 as a private soldier, when his civilian employment was recorded as 'Storekeeper'. He was destined for the Royal Garrison Artillery (RGA) and numbered 159254, but was transferred to the Army Reserve the following day. He was subsequently mobilised on 10 August 1917 and posted to 85 Siege Battery, RGA, where he qualified as a 1st Class Signaller on 12 September.

He went with this Battery to France on 14 November 1917, was posted to 243 Siege Battery from March 1919 and returned to England on 26 September 1919 for final discharge on 23 October. For his service — as a Gunner/Signaller (private soldier) throughout — he qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, which were sent to him in May 1922.

Samuel died on 30 November 1956 and his widow Eveline ('Evelyn' on a family memorial) on 28 March 1964, aged 74.

There are relevant family memorials in Bugbrooke churchyard at numbers 457 and 459.