

Sgt. Eric Poole

Name	Eric William Poole	Parents	William & Sarah Poole
Birth Place	Bugbrooke	Married	
Occupation 1911	Soldier – 2 nd Northants		
Date of Birth	1890		

Obituary from the Northampton Independent



POOLE, E. W., A/Sergeant, 2nd Northants. Regt.

Having enlisted in 1906, he was mobilised in August 1914, and immediately drafted to France. There he played a prominent part in the Retreat from Mons, the Battles of the Marne, the Aisne, Ypres (I. and II.), Festubert and Loos, and was wounded at Neuve Chapelle in 1915. He was afterwards transferred to the Gloucestershire Regiment, and was in action on the Armentières and the Somme fronts. He was unhappily killed on July 29th, 1916, and was entitled to the Mons Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals.

"A costly sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

Bugbrooke, Northants.

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Both parents and children were born in Bugbrooke. They lived in Ace Lane, and his father was a platelayer on the railway.

Eric enlisted in the army in 1906, and was in regular correspondence with the village school. In 1913, he was stationed with the 2nd Northants in Malta, and Egypt, where he met up with other Bugbrooke boys. See the school letters.

All of his messages home can be read through the school letters on the Bugbrookelink.co.uk website. In particular those of 10th Jan. 1913, 14th Feb. 1913, 12th March 1914, 26th April 1914, 2nd May 1914, Mar. 13th 1914, 4th Sept. 1914, 16th and 23rd Oct. 1914

SERGT. ERIC POOLE.



The many loyal friends of Sergt. Eric Poole, Northamptonshire Regiment, will deeply regret to hear that he has been killed. He went into action with the Gloucesters, and was wounded in No Man's Land. He was taken to the dressing station, and while his wound was being attended to a shell fell near and killed him instantly. The deceased was a veteran of the war, for he went out at the commencement and had seen much service. Last year he was struck on the head by a bullet and was invalided home suffering from shock. For some time before returning to the front he was employed on clerical duties at the Northampton Depôt. Aged 27, Sergt. Poole was a general favourite and will be much missed. His mother lives at Bugbrooke.