

# Gnr. Fred F Garrett

<i>Name</i>	Fred F Garrett		
<i>Birth Place</i>	Upper Heyford		
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Butcher		
<i>Date of Birth</i>	1893	<i>Parents</i>	Mark and Ann
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	February 1916	<i>Married</i>	Ellen Annie Kitchin



Fred Faulkener Garrett was born in 1883 at Upper Heyford. In 1901 he was living in Bugbrooke with his parents. His father was a blacksmith and publican, and Fred was a butcher. He does not appear on the 1911 census in Bugbrooke, and may be a Fred F Garrett, butcher in Dunstable at that time. When he enlisted in the Royal Garrison Artillery, he was living in Battersea, London, and had married in Wandsworth to Ellen Annie Kitchin. His daughter Gwendoline was born on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1916.

He attested on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 1916, put in the reserve, and mobilised on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 1917. He served in Aberdovey, with the 716<sup>th</sup> Company of the Forth RGA. On the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1917, he was transferred to the 391 Siege Battery of the RGA.

In 1921, he wrote to the MOD about his medals. Referring to himself a Gunner F Garrett, 144444. At this time he was well and truly alive and living in Tooting. He died in 1958. His letter claims he served in Italy and in Egypt, with the 391 Siege Battery.

He appears on the war memorial in Bugbrooke Church. It looks as though this is a mistake. He left Bugbrooke before the war, married in London, and never returned. His family had also left Bugbrooke. We must assume that the rumour was that he had been killed in the war.



*Siege Battery in the First World War*