

Pte. Richard Henry Davis



<i>Name</i>	Richard Henry Davis	
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke	
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	unknown	
<i>Date of Birth</i>	About 1886	<i>Parents</i> Henry M and Emma L Davis
<i>Date of Enlisted</i>	Mobilised May 1915	<i>Married</i> Not known

Richard was born in Bugbrooke, the son of Henry and Emma Davis. In 1891 Henry was a newsagent and stationer living in Bugbrooke. His wife, Emma ran a private school (mentioned in "Bugbrooke 2000 BC to 2000 AD" page 75)

By 1901 Richard, aged 15, had left the family home and was an apprentice bread baker living at the house of a baker, Harry Higham, in Daventry. So far we have been unable to trace Richard in the 1911 census but it is recorded that when he enlisted at St Pancras he said he was living in Bethnal Green, Middlesex. The date of enlistment is not recorded and his Service Record appears to be one the many that were destroyed during the Second World War. In 1911 his parents were still living in Bugbrooke along with one of Richard's brothers (Charles) and two of his sisters (Kate and Grace). Henry was still a newspaper agent.

He joined the 9th Battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps as a rifleman and with service number R/8095. On the 18th October 1917 he was killed in action at the Ypres Salient. He is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial at Zonnebeke in Belgium



The Ypres Salient 1917, where Richard was killed