

# Gnr. William James Paxton

<i>Name</i>	William James Paxton		
<i>Birth Place</i>	Biddlesden		
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Groom		
<i>Date of Birth</i>	1886	<i>Parents</i>	Thomas and Bessie Ann
<i>Date of Enlisted</i>	May 1916	<i>Married</i>	Alice Shirley 1911



**PAXTON, W. J., Gunner, Royal Garrison Artillery.**  
 Joining in May 1916, he proceeded to the Western Front in the following August, and there took part in the Battles of the Somme, Arras, Vimy Ridge and Ypres, and minor engagements. Invalided from the Army suffering from tuberculosis in November 1917, he unhappily died on February 11th, 1918, and was entitled to the General Service and Victory Medals.  
 "Steals on the ear the distant triumph song."  
 Church End, Bugbrooke, Northants. Z3308/A

William J Paxton was born in Biddleston, Syresham in 1886. He lived in Syresham with his parents, Thomas and Bessie, and 6 siblings until he married Alice M Shirley, of Bugbrooke Mill Cottage, in 1911. He worked as a farm labourer and later in 1911, was listed as a Groom. By the time he volunteered in December 1915 his trade was listed as a motor driver and he had two children Arthur James, and Edith Marjory. He had had previous experience in the Buckinghamshire Yeomanry and was put onto the reserve, and mobilized on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1916. He served in the Royal Garrison Artillery, as no. 86432, with the 37<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery. On 24<sup>th</sup> August he was sent to France where he served until 29<sup>th</sup> November when he returned to England, sick and was discharged. He died shortly afterwards of Tuberculosis on February 11<sup>th</sup> 1918.



*WW1 Siege Battery*