

<i>Name</i>	William Charles Rush
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Soldier
<i>Date of Birth</i>	1880
<i>Date of Enlisted</i>	6 th March 1900
<i>Parents</i>	James & Emma Rush
<i>Married</i>	

Photograph

Information

Sergeant Major in the Royal Field Artillery. Mentioned on the school roll of honour in the letters October 1914.

Little is known of Charles Rush, apart from the fact that he is mentioned on the school letter dated 2nd October 1914, and is included on their roll of honour in the letter dated 9th October 1914. He is referred to as an old scholar.

William C Rush living High St, Bugbrooke in 1881 and 1891 census.

William C Rush is a recipient of The **Silver War Badge**, issued to service personnel who had been honourably discharged due to wounds or sickness during World War I. The badge, sometimes known as the **Discharge Badge**, **Wound Badge** or **Services Rendered Badge**, was first issued in September 1916, along with an official certificate of entitlement. The sterling silver lapel badge was intended to be worn in civilian clothes. It had been the practice of some women to present white feathers to apparently able-bodied young men who were not wearing the King's uniform. The badge was to be worn on the right breast while in civilian dress, it was forbidden to wear on a military uniform.

William Charles Rush. Service no. 5654. Rank Warrant Officer/Sergeant Major - WO I T/SM

Badge number B261639. Enlistment date 06-Mar-1900

Discharge date 12-Dec-1919

Unit from which discharged 5 Res Bde R.F.A.

Cause of discharge Sickness. Para. 392 (xvi) King's Regulation Army Order 29 of 1919.

Whether served overseas Yes

Badge date of issue 20-Jan-1920

Record set Silver War Badge Roll 1914-1920

Additional Information

From the school letters:

2nd Oct.1914 – It will be of interest to old scholars to know that Charles Rush is now Sergeant Major Rush of the Royal Field Artillery and that he is on active service with his regiment at the front. Mrs Rush and her 2 sons are now staying here for a time.

30th Oct.1914 – we are glad to hear that Mrs Charles Rush has received news from her husband

20th Nov. 1914 – a postcard has been received from Sgt M. Charles Rush dated 9th November, stating that he was quite well. From the newspapers we had learned that his battery had been through some severe fighting.

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The 'Immediate' Army Meritorious Service Medal' (as opposed to an extended service award with Annuity) to Battery Sergeant Major William Charles Rush, Royal Field Artillery, '... in recognition of valuable services rendered with the Forces in France during the present war ...', was announced in the *London Gazette* Supplement of 17 June 1918 at page 7166; his home town (in brackets after each recipient) is given as 'Kilkenny'.