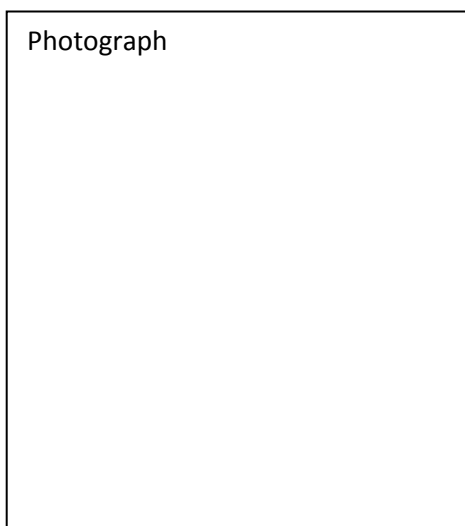


<i>Name</i>	Edwin John GILKES
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Agricultural Labourer
<i>Date of Birth</i>	12 November 1895
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	8 December 1915



<i>Parents</i>	Elijah GILKES and Harriett GILKES (née POPPLEWELL)
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<i>Married</i>	Hilda FROST in second quarter of 1920
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<i>Information from National Roll of the Great War</i>	
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<i>Additional Information</i>

Edwin GILKES, eldest of eight sons of Elijah and Harriett GILKES, first attested for military service on 8 December 1915, when he was earmarked for the Northamptonshire Regiment and numbered 30237, but transferred immediately to the Reserve.

He was mobilised for active service on 13 October 1916 in Northampton and posted to the 3rd Battalion of the regiment two days later. However, on 19 December he was renumbered 82636 on transferring to the Machine Gun Corps, with which he went to France on 2 March 1917.

He returned to England from 13 April 1918, re-joining his unit in France on 22 September. He was unfortunate to be gassed in separate incidents in October and November, and was also wounded during that period.

He was discharged to the Reserve on 19 February 1919, returning to Bugbrooke.

He qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, which he received in April 1922.

Edwin died in March 1974 in Daventry.