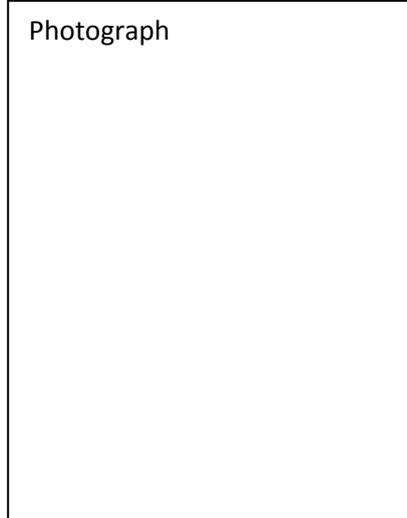


<i>Name</i>	Ernest William BARNES
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Baker's Boy
<i>Date of Birth</i>	October/November 1896; baptised 27 December 1896



<i>Date Enlisted</i>	11 May 1915
<i>Parents</i>	Fred BARNES and Elizabeth Lucas BARNES (née DURRANT)

<i>Married</i>	Not confirmed
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*Information from National Roll of the Great War*

BARNES, E. W., Private, R.A.S.C.

Shortly after volunteering in May 1915, he was sent to the Western Front, where he was engaged on important duties in various sectors. He was also present at the Battles of Loos, the Somme and Ypres, took part in the Retreat and Advance of 1918, and afterwards served with the Army of Occupation at Cologne. He was demobilised in November 1919, and holds 1914-15 Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals.

Camp Hill, Bugbrooke, Northants.

*Additional Information*

Ernest BARNES was one of three sons of Master Baker (and former regular soldier with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, the Northamptonshire Regiment – the '58<sup>th</sup>) Fred Barnes and his wife Elizabeth. At his attestation on 11 May 1915 in Northampton (when he added a year to his age), Ernest was described – not surprisingly – as a Baker and was immediately earmarked for that Trade within the Army Service Corps (ASC), allocated number 094637.

Ernest was in training at Aldershot from 12 May to 11 November that year, before posting to 33 Field Bakery on 12 November. He embarked at Southampton on 15 November, arriving at Le Havre the next day. He remained with the Field Bakery in France, apart from two spells in hospital with measles, until he was compulsorily transferred to 17<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion, the Welsh Regiment (1<sup>st</sup> Glamorgan) from 25 September 1917, renumbered 55890. This battalion was formed in December 1914 as a 'Bantam' battalion, comprising otherwise fit volunteers (and later, conscripts) who were below the usual minimum height, and went to France in June 1916. Ernest remained a Private soldier, but retained his ASC trade pay, so is assumed to have been employed on baking duty at the battalion cookhouse.

This Welsh battalion was disbanded on 9 February 1918 in France and Ernest was returned to the ASC, posted to 3 Field Bakery on 15 March and then to the ASC Base Depot at Le Havre in June. He was 'selected for retention' (and thus entitled to a bonus) after the Armistice and served with a bakery at Cologne in Germany until returning to England for demobilisation at Woolwich on 27 June 1919, by which time his Corps had been granted the prefix 'Royal'.

Ernest qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Several marriages exist post-war in this name, but none in Northamptonshire.

His death is probably that recorded in December 1961 in Brixworth.