

<i>Name</i>	Frank NIGHTINGALE
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Boy on Farm
<i>Date of Birth</i>	First quarter of 1898
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	24 October 1914

Photograph

<i>Parents</i>	Josiah & Mary Ann NIGHTINGALE
<i>Married</i>	Single

*Information from National Roll of the Great War*

NIGHTINGALE, F., Sergeant, M.G.C.

He volunteered in the Northamptonshire Regiment in October 1914, and after his training was retained on important duties in England until February 1917, and then proceeded to France, where he took a prominent part in the Battles of Arras, Vimy Ridge and Ypres. He fell fighting at Cambrai on November 30<sup>th</sup> 1917, and was entitled to the General Service and Victory Medals.

"The path of duty was the way to glory."

Bugbrooke, Northants.

*Additional Information*

Frank NIGHTINGALE was the youngest of five surviving sons of a farm bailiff from Pattishall; in 1911 he was a young farm labourer.

He attested on 24 October 1914, so presumably lied about his age (he was little over 16½), perhaps prompted by the enlistment of his elder brother Wallace ten days earlier. He was posted as Private 2956 to the 4<sup>th</sup> (Reserve) Battalion, the Northamptonshire Regiment. His enlistment is noted in a school 'newsletter' of 30 October.

Clearly Frank took to soldiering, for despite his youth he was appointed Lance-Corporal on 27 May 1916. In that rank he transferred to the newly-created Machine Gun Corps on 25 July 1916, renumbered 44339, and eventually went with 174 Company of the infantry element of that Corps to France, by which time he was an Acting Sergeant (Acting Corporal from 26 January and Acting Sergeant from 16 February 1917). He embarked at Southampton on 24 February 1917, disembarking two days later at Le Havre.

Sadly, Frank was killed in action around Cambrai on 30 November 1917 and is buried in Anneux British Cemetery in Grave I.H.15

He had earned the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, which were sent to his family after the war, along with a Memorial Plaque and Scroll, receipt of which was acknowledged in 1920.

Frank had been engaged to Flossie Evelyn BANNARD, who later married Frank's brother Wallace after his demobilisation, having been a Prisoner of War in Germany.