

<i>Name</i>	Fred Lowe SAUNDERS
<i>Birth Place</i>	Priors Marston, Warks.
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Work on Farm
<i>Date of Birth</i>	1894
<i>Date of Enlisted</i>	Before Sept 1915

<i>Parents</i>	Joe and Elizabeth Saunders
<i>Married</i>	Not known

*Additional Information*

Fred was born in 1894 to Joe and Elizabeth Saunders in Priors Marston where Elizabeth's parents Charles and Mary Lowe lived. By 1901 Joe and Elizabeth were living at Norton's Barn in Bugbrooke with Fred's younger sister and a new baby. Joe was listed on the census as a waggoner on the farm. On census night, Fred was actually with his grand-parents back at Priors Marston and recorded as Fred Lowe. By 1911 Fred was back in Bugbrooke and working on the farm whilst his father was now a platelayer on the railway.

Fred enlisted and joined the Royal Engineers as a sapper (Reg No. 88478). On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1915 he embarked for France. At some point his number was changed to WR289282 indicating work on railways or waterways. Perhaps he was a platelayer like his father.

At some time in 1916 he was working on the Kantara to Romani railway in Egypt which links the Mediterranean coast with the Suez Canal (Al Qantjarah to Bi'r ar Rummanah). It was here during 1916 that he met up with Philip Campion along with Herbert Robins, Oliver Mead and Albert Eales.

He was awarded the 1915 Star, The British War Medal and the Victory Medal.



Laying tracks across the Sinai Desert