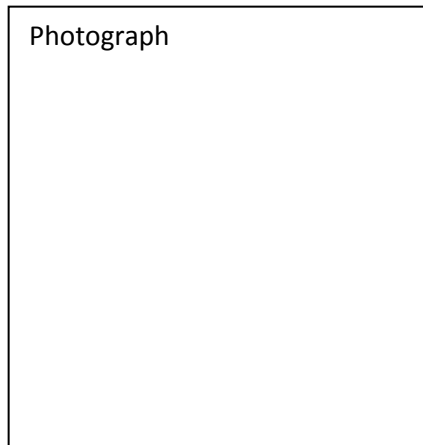


<i>Name</i>	George Gordon Prouse EATON
<i>Birth Place</i>	Fulham, London
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	At school (in Bugbrooke?)
<i>Date of Birth</i>	27 September 1898
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	29 January 1917



<i>Parents</i>	Alfred Ernest EATON and Edith Fanny EATON (née HUDSON)
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<i>Married</i>	First, Ada Kate BARFORD in the second quarter of 1923; second, widow Elsie Emily INGRAM (née GREEN) in the last quarter of 1971
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<i>Information from National Roll of the Great War</i>
No entry found.

<i>Additional Information</i>

George EATON was one of at least three children of Alfred EATON, a clerk, and his wife Edith. Some time between 1901 and 1911 he went to live with foster parents in Bugbrooke, William Wooding BONHAM and his wife Elizabeth Ann BONHAM. In 1911, his father Alfred was still living in London with a wife of one year, Dorothea; the possible death of Edith and a marriage to Dorothea have not been traced.

George enlisted on 29 January 1917, destined for the Suffolk Regiment and allocated number 47397. He declared himself a farmer with a home address in Camp Hill, Bugbrooke and his 'Aunt', a 'Mrs Wooding', as next-of-kin. On 1 June 1917 he was posted to 25 Training Reserve Battalion, one of several units specifically for young soldiers and renumbered as 249 Infantry Battalion on 5 July.

George was transferred to the South Staffordshire Regiment in October 1917, re-numbered 41708 and posted to 9 (Service) Battalion (Pioneers) in France. This unit had been with the BEF since August 1915, but went to Italy in November 1917, remaining until the end of hostilities. George's damaged service record shows him in France from 8 October 1917 to 14 March 1920, returning to England for discharge on 12 April. However, his presence in Italy is confirmed in his medical record, for he spent two days in hospital at Taranto in July 1919. He returned to England and was posted to 1 (Reserve) Garrison Battalion, the Suffolk Regiment, based around the Medway, from August 1919. He had qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

In the Spring of 1923 he married Ada BARFORD, from Brixworth, who died in March 1966; he married 70-year old Elsie INGRAM, from Winslow in Buckinghamshire and a widow since early 1963, at the end of 1971. Sadly, Elsie died the following December, followed by George himself in December 1973.