

<i>Name</i>	George Henry NORRIS
<i>Birth Place</i>	Pembroke Dock, Wales
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Soldier (QMSgt, RE)
<i>Date of Birth</i>	Second quarter 1874
<i>Date Recalled</i>	By September 1914

Photograph

<i>Parents</i>	
<i>Married</i>	Apparently single

Information from National Roll of the Great War

No entry found

Additional Information

George NORRIS was the School Attendance Officer for a short time before the war and was already well-known to pupils at Bugbrooke Council School.

He was an Army pensioner, having served for 21 years in the Royal Engineers (RE). George was born at Pembroke Dock in Wales, but enlisted as a Boy Soldier in London on 13 July 1889 (as No.23836). He served in South Africa during the second Boer War, from 1899-1902, initially as a Corporal, then as a Sergeant. While in Pretoria, in 1901, he signed re-engagement forms to extend his service, which he was later permitted to extend again to qualify for his Army Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (LS&GC) and associated pension. George was discharged on 12 May 1913 in the rank of Quarter-Master Sergeant, having been an Instructor in 'Field Work' at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham, for the previous four years. He had an unblemished disciplinary record and apart from his LS&GC, had earned the Queen's South Africa Medal with three clasps (CAPE COLONY, ORANGE FREE STATE, TRANSVAAL) and the King's South Africa Medal with the standard two clasps (SOUTH AFRICA 1901, SOUTH AFRICA 1902).

George gave his intended address as '48 Shakespeare Road, Northampton' on his release papers, though it is not clear what his connection with this area was. (These papers note that he was an 'engine driver very superior').

He was re-called to the Army at the outbreak of war and resumed duties as an Instructor, though not at Chatham, but apparently at Newark, according to the school newsletters of 18 September and 23 October. George remained in England and was commissioned as a Temporary Second Lieutenant in the RE on 28 March 1917. He went to France on 26 January 1918 and was promoted to Temporary Lieutenant from 28 September that year. He was an Acting Captain from 12 November 1919 until relinquishing that rank from 5 August 1920. George remained in the Army and in 1921 was with No.6 Fortress Company, RE, at Ballykinler, County Down, in Northern Ireland, though he had retired by 1928. He does not appear to have married.

For his First World War service, George earned the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, which he claimed in 1921, from Northern Ireland.

His death has not been traced.