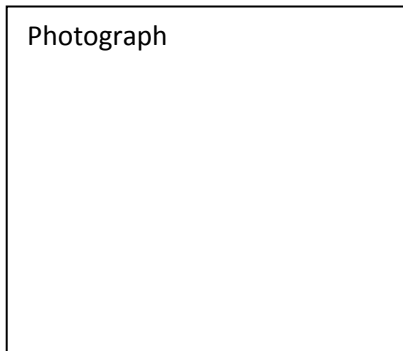


<i>Name</i>	Henry James BARNES
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Errand Boy
<i>Date of Birth</i>	31 January 1898
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	5 June 1916



<i>Parents</i>	Fred BARNES and Elizabeth Lucas BARNES (née DURRANT)
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<i>Married</i>	Charlotte Eliza POOLE from Bugbrooke in late 1921
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Information from National Roll of the Great War

BARNES, H. J., Private, Machine Gun Corps.

He joined in February 1916 and after a period of training, was transferred to the Tank Corps, and drafted to the Western Front in the following year. There he took part in important engagements in various Sectors, including the Battles of Arras, Ypres and Cambrai, and fought also in the Retreat and Advance of 1918. Demobilised in February 1919, he holds the General Service and Victory Medals.

Camp Hill Bugbrooke, Northants.

Additional Information

Henry BARNES was one of three sons of Master Baker (and former regular soldier with 2nd Battalion, the Northamptonshire Regiment – the '58th') Fred BARNES and his wife Elizabeth.

At the time of his enlistment, on 5 June 1916, he declared himself a 'Motor Fitter' and was earmarked for the Army Service Corps (ASC) as Private 205324, to work in 'MT' (Motor Transport). He was placed on the Reserve at first and mobilised later, on 2 October that year.

On 24 February 1917, Henry transferred to the Machine Gun Corps (MGC) and on 3 June was posted into the MGC 'Heavy Branch' – the embryonic Tank Corps, and was at some point re-numbered 69199, remaining a private soldier.

He embarked for France at Portsmouth on 24 December 1917, landing at Rouen on 26 December. Henry was classified as a 2nd Class tank Mechanic on 23 January 1918, serving with 10th Battalion, the Tank Corps. He went sick (with boils) and was returned to England and admitted to Hospital from 26 June to 20 August 1918. On leaving hospital, Henry was posted to a Reserve unit at Wareham in Dorset and was eventually discharged on 27 February 1919.

Henry had qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He married Charlotte POOLE from Bugbrooke in the last quarter of 1921; sadly Charlotte died on 10 September 1962, aged barely 64.

Henry died on 18 June 1985 and is commemorated on a kerbstone inscription in Bugbrooke churchyard (number 334).