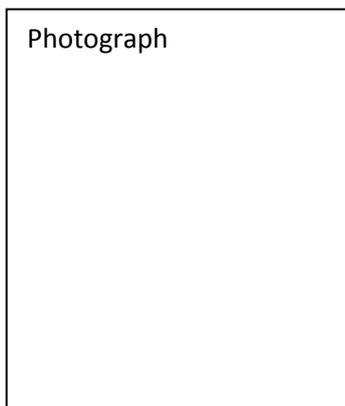


<i>Name</i>	John Charles BILLINGHAM
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Farm Labourer
<i>Date of Birth</i>	Second quarter of 1898
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	Not confirmed



<i>Parents</i>	Thomas BILLINGHAM and Mary Ellen BILLINGHAM (née McGIRR)
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<i>Married</i>	<p>First, Lizzie BURKE in the third quarter of 1926, who died in the first quarter of 1930;</p> <p>Second, Ellen TULLETT in the second quarter of 1937</p>
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<i>Information from National Roll of the Great War</i>
No entry found.

<i>Additional Information</i>
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John BILLINGHAM was one of five surviving children of Thomas BILLINGHAM, a cowman, and his wife Mary Ellen.

It has been suggested that he and his brother William both enlisted under-age in the ASC and were allocated sequential numbers – 1295 and 1296. This has not been confirmed (though a Bugbrooke school newsletter reports John's enlistment in early December 1914).

No Service Record relating to John has survived and there are more than 300 Medal Index Cards (MIC) in the name 'John Billingham', 33 of which relate to service in the Army Service Corps (ASC; there is also just one for a 'John C. Billingham', who was killed in action serving with the Royal Field Artillery). There are six MICs for number 1295 and four for number 1296 – none to a BILLINGHAM.

[Service numbers were replicated in different units early in the war; an army-wide numbering system was introduced later, hence those who served for the duration will usually have at least two different numbers and perhaps more if they transferred between regiments].

There is no entry for him in the roll for the Silver War Badge.

It was not unknown for those attempting to enlist under-age to use an assumed name, of course, but on what is known so far, there is no evidence of John serving in the army, or at least serving outside the UK.

John was married twice and after his death in late 1944, his widow Ellen married again, in the second quarter of 1947, to Fred TOTTINGHAM. Ellen died in September 1970.