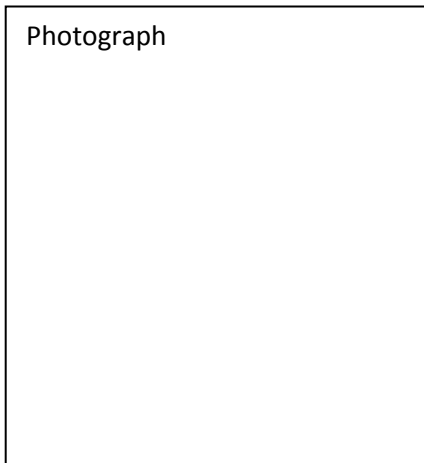


<i>Name</i>	Francis George GILKES
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	At School
<i>Date of Birth</i>	Last quarter of 1899
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	Probably 1916



<i>Parents</i>	Elijah GILKES and Harriett GILKES (née POPPLEWELL)
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<i>Married</i>	Possibly Ada M. JOHNSON at the end of 1928, in Tamworth, Staffs.
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<i>Information from National Roll of the Great War</i>
No entry found.

<i>Additional Information</i>

Francis (possibly known as Frank) GILKES was one of eight surviving children of Elijah GILKES, a platelayer for the LNWR, and his wife Harriet (originally from Yorkshire).

He would have been too young when conscription was introduced, so should not have attested until very late 1916 or early 1917. However, as 12 (Reserve) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), into which he was initially enlisted, allocated number 67602, was stationed in the Northampton area until its move to Aldershot in May 1916, it is possible that he enlisted under-age.

At some stage Francis transferred to the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), was re-numbered 33807 and posted to 'A' Company of its 1/7 Battalion (Territorial Force). This unit had been in France since landing at Boulogne in April 1915, remaining in that theatre until the end of the war.

For his service on the Western Front, as a private soldier throughout, he qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal; his service record has not survived.

There is a marriage in the name Francis G. GILKES at the end of 1928 in Tamworth, Staffordshire, to Ada M. JOHNSON.

The death of a Francis G. GILKES, aged 43, was recorded in Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, in September 1942.