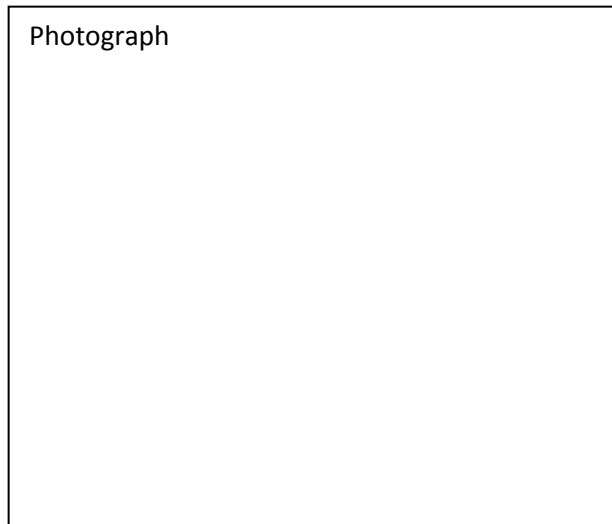


<i>Name</i>	Harry James GILKES
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Carrier
<i>Date of Birth</i>	16 February 1888
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	Unknown



<i>Parents</i>	John Thomas GILKES and Hannah GILKES (née EALES)
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<i>Married</i>	Beatrice Nellie INNS in the last quarter of 1914
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<i>Information from National Roll of the Great War</i>
No entry found.

<i>Additional Information</i>
<p>Harry GILKES was one of eight surviving children of John GILKES, a sawyer, and his wife Hannah, who died in autumn 1909, aged 64.</p> <p>Harry was 28 and married when conscription was introduced and may have resisted his call-up at first – he was involved in three Tribunal Appeals. However, he was enlisted into The Queen’s (Royal West Surrey Regiment) as a private soldier, numbered G/25468. [The ‘G’ prefix was used to denote Home Counties regiments].</p> <p>His service record has not survived, but his Medal index Card confirms his entitlement to the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, and as no specific theatre is noted, France is assumed.</p> <p>[The Queen’s raised 27 battalions during the war, nine of which served in France at some time; two others served in Italy and one was in Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq). The absence of entitlement to the 1914-15 Star means Harry did not serve with the battalion at Gallipoli, and service with the battalion on garrison duty in India did not earn the Victory Medal].</p> <p>Harry died on 17 November 1959 in hospital at Daventry, with a home address on Camp Hill, Bugbrooke. His widow, Beatrice, died on 26 March 1974, aged 84.</p> <p>There is a relevant family memorial in Bugbrooke churchyard, number 495.</p>