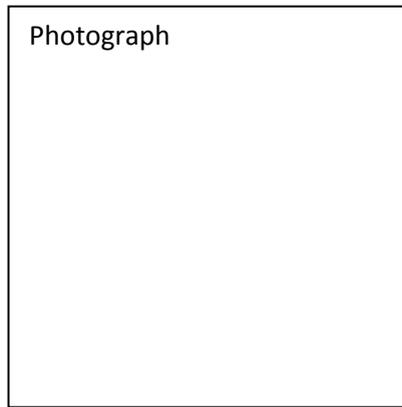


<i>Name</i>	Henry JEFFS
<i>Birth Place</i>	Kislingbury
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Brick Layer
<i>Date of Birth</i>	6 April 1879; baptised 1 June 1879.
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	June 1916 claimed
<i>Parents</i>	Alfred JEFFS and Sarah Ann JEFFS (née ROLFE LABRUM)
<i>Married</i>	Widow Frances Edith HARRIS (née JEYES) in the third quarter of 1911



Information from National Roll of the Great War

JEFFS, H., Pte., Royal Fusiliers

Joining in June 1916, he landed in France in the following month. Whilst in this theatre of war he served with the Labour Corps on important road-making and trench digging duties in various sectors of the front. He was present at the Battles of Albert, the Somme, Ypres and Cambrai before being invalided home with influenza in January 1919. Finally demobilised in April 1919, he holds the General Service and Victory Medals.

Bugbrooke, Northants.

Additional Information

Henry JEFFS was one of ten surviving children of Alfred JEFFS, an agricultural labourer, and his wife Sarah Ann.

According to the 1911 census, Henry was lodging in Bugbrooke with widow Frances HARRIS and her teenage daughter. Frances's husband of just ten years had died in early 1905 at the young age of 34, perhaps as a result of his travels – he had been working in South Africa at the time of the 1901 census. Henry might have only recently moved out of his parents' home in Kislingbury, for his name is crossed out in the form completed there by his father.

Henry married Frances in the third quarter of 1911.

His service record has not survived, but his time in the Army is confirmed, initially as a Private in the Royal Fusiliers, numbered 40701, and then in a similar rank, but renumbered 64406, in the Labour Corps, on which medal roll his entitlement to the British War Medal and the Victory Medal is confirmed, with active service in France presumed.

After the war Henry worked locally as a roadman; his wife died in March 1931, aged 55 and Henry died aged 71 in March 1951.