

Name	William James Paxton
Birth Place	Biddlesden
Occupation 1911	Groom
Date of Birth	1886
Date of Enlisted	May 1916

Photograph

Parents	Thomas and Bessie Ann
Married	Alice Shirley 1911

Information from National Roll of the Great War

PAXTON, W. J., Gunner, Royal Garrison Artillery.
 Joining in May 1916, he proceeded to the Western Front in the following August, and there took part in the Battles of the Somme, Arras, Vimy Ridge and Ypres, and minor engagements. Invalided from the Army suffering from tuberculosis in November 1917, he unhappily died on February 11th, 1918, and was entitled to the General Service and Victory Medals.
 "Steals on the ear the distant triumph song."
 Church End, Bugbrooke, Northants. Z3308/A

Additional Information

William J Paxton was born in Biddleston, Syresham in 1886. He lived in Syresham with his parents, Thomas and Bessie, and 6 siblings until he married in 1911. He worked as a farm labourer and later in 1911, was listed as a Groom.

He married Alice M Shirley, of Bugbrooke Mill Cottage, in 1911, and by the time he volunteered in December 1915 his trade was listed as a motor driver and he had two children Arthur James, and Edith Marjory.

He attested on 4th December 1915, and stated that he had had previous experience in the Buckinghamshire Yeomanry. He was put onto the reserve, and mobilized on the 24th May 1916. He served in the Royal Garrison Artillery, as no. 86432, with the 37th Siege Battery. On 24th August he was sent to France where he served until 29th November when he returned to England, sick and was discharged. He died shortly afterwards of Tuberculosis on February 11th 1918.

He was awarded the Silver War Badged, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

In his post war records his widow (next of kin) was given as Mrs A M Eales, of 1 Church End, Bugbrooke.

The battery had 4 x6inch howitzers each horse drawn