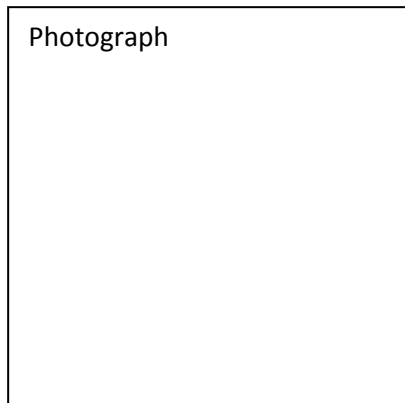


<i>Name</i>	Charles Edward DAVIS
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Electrical Engineer
<i>Date of Birth</i>	28 December 1887
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	17 November 1914



<i>Parents</i>	Henry Munday DAVIS and Emma Louisa DAVIS (née HARRIS)
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<i>Married</i>	First, Frances Mary WHITE on 26 December 1918; second, Eva HARRALL in the second quarter of 1931
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<i>Information from National Roll of the Great War</i>	No entry found.
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<i>Additional Information</i>

Charles DAVIS was one of ten surviving children of Henry DAVIS, a newsagent, and his wife Emma, a teacher.

By the autumn of 1914, Charles had been employed by the Fife Electric Power Company, at Dunfermline, since February the previous year. He attested at Kirkaldy for the Royal Engineers (RE), declaring himself an Electrician, and was allocated number 56908. He was sent to the RE Depot at Chatham and repeated the enlistment process there on 28 November, posted to 19 Divisional Signal Company the same day.

He embarked for France with 19 Division on 19 July 1915, arriving the following day. He qualified as a Motor Mechanic at some stage and served continuously on the Western Front as a private soldier. In the final major advance of the war, in Picardy, 19 Division was involved in the Battle of the Selle (17-25 October) and Charles received a head wound – probably from shrapnel – on 20 October 1918. He was treated at a Casualty Clearing Station on his way to 59 Field Ambulance (one of three such units attached to the Division) and was discharged from 2 Canadian General Hospital at Le Tréport, a port on the coast north of Dieppe, on 1 November.

Charles must have returned to England on leave, for on St Stephen's Day (26 December) that year he married Frances WHITE, a nurse, in Bugbrooke (had they met during his recovery from that wound?). He was released to the Reserve on 25 April 1919, when he gave 'Myrtle Cottage' in Bugbrooke as his home address.

He had qualified for the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal; the Star appears to have been returned to the War Office/Medal Office in 1923 (undelivered?).

Sadly, Frances died on 3 December 1929, aged just 32. Charles married for a second time, Eva HARRALL, originally from Newcastle under Lyme, in the spring of 1931. In 1939 they were living in Northampton where he worked as a 'Battery Inspector'.

Charles died in Northampton on 20 September 1964; Eva died in September 1982, aged 78.

There are relevant family memorials in Bugbrooke churchyard – number 31 in respect of Charles's wife Frances and number 33 in respect of his parents Henry and Emma.