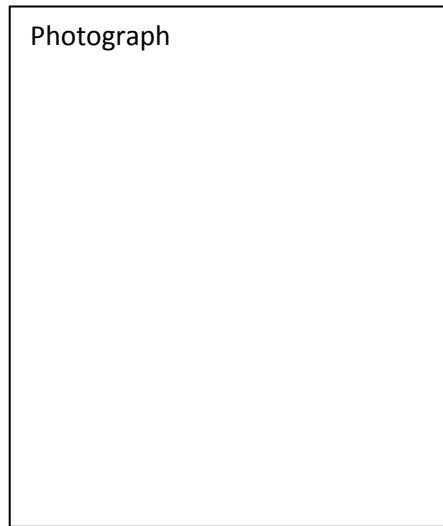


<i>Name</i>	Ernest Robinson ALLEN
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Farm labourer
<i>Date of Birth</i>	Second quarter of 1896; baptised 4 October (no father named)

<i>Date Enlisted</i>	9 December 1915
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<i>Parents</i>	Mother Mary Jane ALLEN
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<i>Married</i>	Not confirmed
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<i>Information from National Roll of the Great War</i>
No entry found.

<i>Additional Information</i>

In 1911 Ernest ALLEN was a farm labourer, the youngest of three children living in Bugbrooke with elderly grandparents, Joseph and Ann GARDNER.

By the time of his attestation on 9 December 1915 he claimed to be a platelayer on the railway. He was earmarked for the Royal Engineers (RE) as Sapper (private soldier) number 210242, but immediately placed on the Reserve and sent home. [At his attestation medical, he was recorded as being 6 feet 2 inches – remarkably tall for the period]

Ernest was mobilised on 2 December 1916 and reported to Longmoor Camp in Hampshire the next day – this was where the RE carried out railway training. He was posted to 269 Railway Company, RE, from 3 January 1917 and embarked for France the same day. Ernest later served with 263 Railway Company and was at some stage re-numbered as WR/261646 (the prefix 'WR' denoting 'Waterways & Railways' employment). He qualified for a 'skilled' rate of trade pay on 13 December 1917, retrospective to 1 August that year.

He returned to England in late 1919 and was discharged on 17 November.

Ernest qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Any marriage and his death have not been confirmed.