

<i>Name</i>	Paul NIGHTINGALE
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Under Waggoner on Farm
<i>Date of Birth</i>	Second quarter 1893
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	16 November 1914



<i>Parents</i>	Josiah & Mary Ann NIGHTINGALE
<i>Married</i>	On 1 January 1918, Bertha Ada Ann BAYES from Sywell, a housemaid in Whittlebury

Information from National Roll of the Great War

NIGHTINGALE, P., Sapper, R.E. (R.O.D.)

Volunteering in November 1914, he proceeded to the Western Front in February of the following year, and was there engaged on transport and other duties on the railways. He served chiefly in the Ypres, Loos, Somme, Arras and Cambrai sectors, and also took an active part in the Retreat and Advance of 1918. Demobilised in March 1919, he holds the 1914-15 Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals.

Bugbrooke, Northants.

Additional Information

Paul NIGHTINGALE was one of five surviving sons of a farm bailiff from Pattishall; by 1914 he was a platelayer for the London & North Western Railway (L&NWR), perhaps following the example of his much older brother John, also a platelayer.

He attested on 16 November 1914 at Euston in London, for service with railway troops of the Royal Engineers (RE). He landed in France on 15 February 1915 and served until the end of hostilities, when he was on the strength of 111th Railway Company. Though he remained a Sapper (a Private soldier) throughout, he was awarded a 'Good Conduct Badge' (in cloth, for wear on his battledress) on 16 November 1916; this seems to be a relative rarity for wartime enlistments and conscripts, so he must have impressed his military superiors.

Paul returned to England and was demobilised on 16 March 1919 at Purfleet (in Essex, by the Thames), apparently returning to his job with L&NWR.

Paul had earned the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal; receipt of these was acknowledged in November 1921.

On leave after Christmas 1917, he had married Bertha BAYES, on 1 January 1918.

Paul died in Highfield Hospital, Wellingborough, on 2 June 1956, survived by his widow, Bertha; they had been living at Irthlingborough.