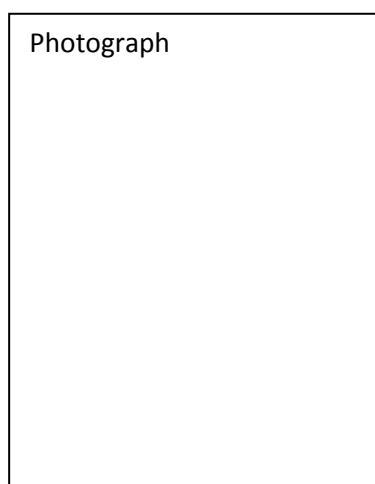


<i>Name</i>	William Herbert ASHBY
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Farm Labourer
<i>Date of Birth</i>	16 May 1880
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	30 November 1915
<i>Parents</i>	John ASHBY and Sarah Ann Smith ASHBY (née GARDNER)
<i>Married</i>	Bessie Dora HARRIS on 15 September 1906 at Northampton Register Office



<i>Information from National Roll of the Great War</i>
No entry found.

<i>Additional Information</i>

William ASHBY was the eldest of six children of John ASHBY, an agricultural labourer, and his wife Sarah.

William was married with four young children, but nevertheless attested for the army on 30 November 1915, destined for 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, the Northamptonshire Regiment and numbered 25143. He was placed on the Army Reserve that day and returned home, eventually being mobilised on 29 May 1916, reporting to the regimental depot.

He was posted to the 3rd Battalion at Gillingham in Kent the following day, 30 May 1916, and remained there until 13 September. The next day he travelled to Folkestone and embarked for France, landing at Boulogne the same day.

William joined the 6th (Service) Battalion 'in the field' on 30 September, apparently serving with 'C' Company, as a Private soldier. (This battalion had been in France since 27 July 1915 and remained there until the Armistice, when it was near Le Cateau). William remained with this battalion until leaving France via Dieppe for England on 27 February 1919 and was demobilised and transferred to the Reserve by 27 March. He gave his home destination as Adstone, near Towcester.

William had qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

In 1922 he was living at Harlestone; his death was registered in Daventry in March 1972. His wife had pre-deceased him, in June 1970.