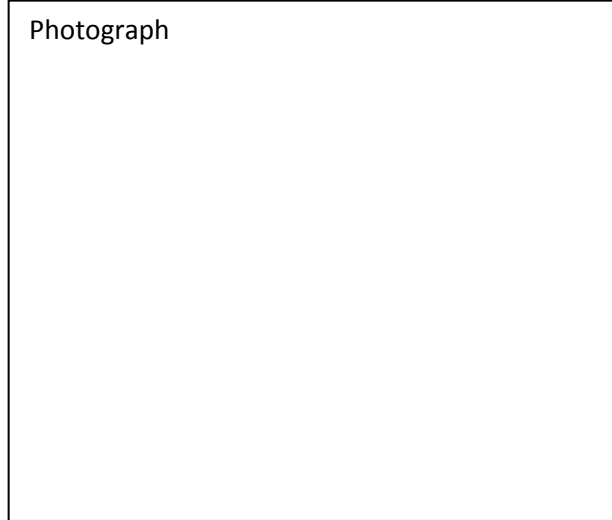


<i>Name</i>	William Henry PAYNE
<i>Birth Place</i>	Chelmsford, Essex
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Jockey
<i>Date of Birth</i>	23 November 1884
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	August 1914



<i>Parents</i>	John Henry and Hannah Maria PAYNE (née CRESSWELL)
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<i>Married</i>	Gertrude Ellen ISAAC 16 January 1907
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<i>Information from National Roll of the Great War</i>
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<i>Additional Information</i>

William Henry PAYNE enlisted, with his older brother John, in the Northamptonshire Yeomanry soon after war was declared, receiving the regimental number 1008. He was posted to No.3 troop in 'A' Squadron, then based in Northampton.

The Regiment spent a period re-training from its original role as mounted infantry to cavalry, first at Houghton Regis, near Luton, then at Hursley, near Winchester as part of 8 Division, soon warned for a move to France (as noted by the PAYNE brothers in a letter to the school in late October). On 4 November the Division was ordered to move and the Regiment embarked at Southampton the following day, landing at Le Havre on 6th; it is probable that William was a Lance-Corporal by this time. The Division advanced to the 'Front' and the Northampton Yeomanry took its turn of duty with the infantry in the trenches. It took part in numerous actions to April 1915, when the Squadrons were dispersed. William was already a Sergeant by this time and was then selected for a commission. He was appointed a Second Lieutenant from 1 October 1915, back in the Regiment.

The Regiment was selected to form part of XIV Corps, destined for the Italian Front, arriving in Italy on 10 November 1917 and reaching the area of the Piave river on 26th. The Regiment moved to the Asiago area in March 1918 and then to Treviso in October, where it was heavily involved in the final offensive of the campaign, chasing the hastily retreating Austrian forces. William, by now a Lieutenant, was wounded during these actions, but remained at duty, according to the unit War Diary.

He appears to have returned to civilian life immediately after the war, riding and training race horses.

William qualified for the 1914 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He died in hospital at Chelmsford on 8 December 1961.