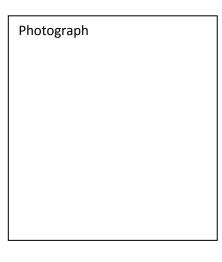
Name	John Watson JEYES	
Birth Place	Bugbrooke	
Occupation 1911		Railway labourer (LNWR)
Date of Birth		17 March 1878; baptised 8 September 1978
Date Enlisted		12 November 1915
Parents	Thomas JEYES and Elizabeth JEYES (née WATSON)	
Married	First, Nellie FOLWELL, a dressmaker from Fosters Booth, on 21 April 1924, who died on 23 July 1928, and second, Florence Ada LANGLEY, during the second quarter of 1930	



Information from the National Roll of the Great War

JEYES, J. W., Gunner, Royal Garrison Artillery.

After joining in March 1916 he was soon drafted to France, where he was attached to a Mobile Section, and was engaged in conveying ammunition to the forward areas. He was present at the Battles of Albert, the Somme, Arras, Ypres, Cambrai and also during the Retreat and Advance of 1918. Returning home for demobilisation in March 1919, he holds the General and Victory Medals.

Bugbrooke, Northants.

## Additional Information

John JEYES was one of six surviving children of Thomas JEYES, a cowman on a farm, and his wife Elizabeth.

In 1911 John was working as a railway labourer, though at his initial attestation in November 1915 he declared himself a 'Gardener', as recorded in his surviving but damaged service record.

He was placed on the Army Reserve from 16 November 1915, destined for the Royal Garrison Artillery (RGA), being mobilised eventually on 17 April 1916.

After training, John was posted as Gunner (private soldier) number 74172, to a Divisional Motor Transport Company of the RGA in France, probably engaged in ammunition resupply.

He remained a Gunner until his release on 22 March 1919, gaining incremental 'Proficiency Pay' early on and a Good Conduct Badge in May 1918; he qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, receipt of which he acknowledged in September 1921.

John married late (at 46) and sadly his first wife died after just four years of marriage. He married a second time and died in late 1960; his widow Flora lived on until late March 1978 (buried on 5 April), aged at least 92.

There is a relevant memorial kerbstone in Bugbrooke churchyard (number 6 – for Nellie).