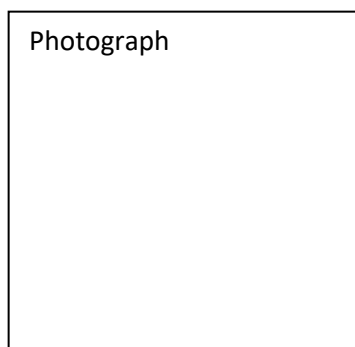


<i>Name</i>	George HOWARD
<i>Birth Place</i>	Kislingbury
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Domestic Groom
<i>Date of Birth</i>	July 1891
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	22 November 1915
<i>Parents</i>	Stephen Oliver HOWARD and Eleanor HOWARD (née EASON)
<i>Married</i>	Harriett Ellen GARDNER from Bugbrooke on 3 August 1914



Information from National Roll of the Great War

HOWARD, G, Gunner, Royal Garrison Artillery

He joined in July 1916, and after a period of training at Woolwich was drafted to France. In this theatre of war he participated in several severe engagements, and was unfortunately killed in action near Arras on August 20th, 1917. He was entitled to the General Service and Victory Medals.

“Whilst we remember, the sacrifice is not in vain”

THIS ENTRY IS INCORRECT

1, Church Street, Kislingbury, Northants.

Additional Information

George HOWARD was one of 12 surviving children of Stephen HOWARD, a farm labourer, and his wife Eleanor; the family lived in Church Lane, Kislingbury and George worked as a domestic groom.

With war clearly imminent, George married Harriett GARDNER from Bugbrooke and they set up home in Chapel Yard in the village. What was to be their only child, Vera May, was born on 25 January 1915.

With conscription looming, George attested in Bugbrooke for the Army as a Private soldier (possibly destined for the Veterinary Corps, no doubt through his familiarity with horses, though he declared himself a ‘Screwing Operator’), his signature witnessed by Frank Wright, the local Headmaster. He was immediately placed on the Army Reserve and sent home, only mobilised on 2 January 1917, when he was posted to the relatively new Household Battalion as a Trooper, number 2497.

This battalion was formed in Knightsbridge, London, on 1 September 1916 as an Infantry unit, from Reservists from the three Household Cavalry Reserve regiments. The battalion went to France on 9 November 1916 and on 17 November was allocated to 10 Brigade in 4 Division.

After completing his training, George embarked for France on 6 May 1917 to join the battalion at the Front.

Sadly, George was killed in action on 20 August that year and is buried in Roeux Cemetery in the Pas de Calais, grave A. 54. His personal effects and balance of pay (£3-4s.-2d.) were sent to his widow in Bugbrooke in due course that year. He qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, receipt of which his widow acknowledged in 1919, after which she provided information for her to receive the Memorial Plaque and Scroll.

Harriett married again, to William NORTH, in early 1923 and moved into Northampton; in 1939 she was resident at the Berrywood Mental Hospital, listed as ‘Unpaid Domestic Duties’; Harriett died in late 1974.