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| <i>Name</i> | George William Allen |
| <i>Birth Place</i> | Bugbrooke |
| <i>Date of Birth</i> | 1893 |
| <i>Occupation 1911</i> | Farm Labourer |
| <i>Residence in 1911</i> | Bugbrooke |
| <i>Date Enlisted</i> | November 1917 |
| <i>Parents</i> | Mary Jane Allen |
| <i>Married</i> | |

Photograph

Information from National Roll of the Great War

ALLEN, W. G., Gunner, R.G.A

Joining in November 1917, he proceeded to the Western Front in April the following year, and there fought in the Battles of the Somme, St. Quentin and Cambrai, and many other engagements in the Retreat and Advance of 1918. He was afterwards sent to the Army of Occupation in Cologne, finally being demobilised in November 1919, holding the General Service and Victory Medals.

Camp Hill, Bugbrooke, Northants.

Additional Information

William was born in Bugbrooke in 1893. By 1901, his father had died and the family had moved in with their grandparents(his mothers parents) Joseph and Ann Gardner. (Mother Mary Jane Allen aged 37, sister Mary Ann Allen aged 11 and brother Earnest B aged 5) In 1911, he was still there aged 18 living with his grandparents(by now Joseph was 88 years old) elder sister and younger brother.with their grandparents. He was working as an agricultural labourer, and presumably his mother had died.

Regiment –RGA, no. 178752 Gunner. 245th Seige Battery.

Or RGA no.196300 from RGA medal awards.

The role of the Siege Battery

Siege Batteries RGA were equipped with heavy howitzers, sending large calibre high explosive shells in high trajectory, plunging fire.The usual armaments were 6 inch, 8 inch and 9.2 inch howitzers, although some had huge railway- or road-mounted 12 inch howitzers. As British artillery tactics developed, the Siege Batteries were most often employed in destroying or neutralising the enemy artillery, as well as putting destructive fire down on strongpoints, dumps, store, roads and railways behind enemy lines. The armaments of each battery will be given as details are added.