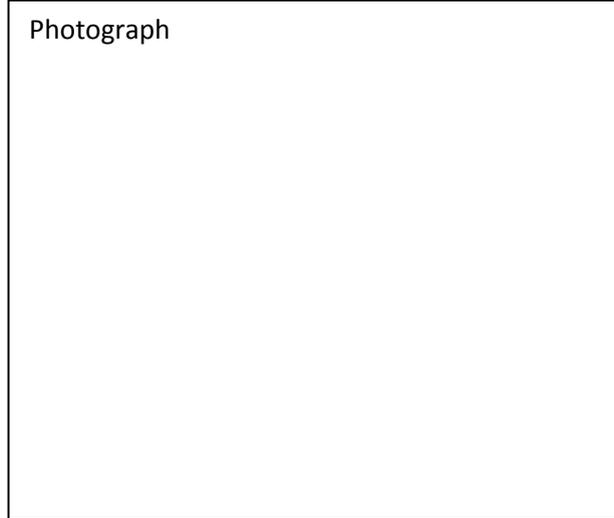


<i>Name</i>	John PAYNE
<i>Birth Place</i>	Chelmsford, Essex
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Farmer
<i>Date of Birth</i>	The last quarter of 1879
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	August 1914



<i>Parents</i>	John Henry and Hannah Maria PAYNE (née CRESSWELL)
<i>Married</i>	Single

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

<i>Additional Information</i>

John PAYNE enlisted, with his younger brother William Henry, in the Northamptonshire Yeomanry soon after war was declared, receiving the regimental number 1010 and later, army number 145295. 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. 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.

'A' Squadron saw action at Ypres and Thiepval before the Regiment re-assembled in May 1916 near Arras, where it took part in the battle there in April 1917, taking many casualties; John was an NCO by now, probably already a Sergeant, in which rank he remained.

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.

He appears to have returned to civilian life and presumably to farming, immediately after the war.

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