

Name	James Edward Barnes
Birth Place	Bugbrooke
Occupation 1911	Groom
Date of Birth	1885
Date of Enlisted	August 1914

Photograph

Parents	Probably John and Dinah Barnes
Married	

Information from National Roll of the Great War

BARNES, J. E., Private, 11th (Prince Albert's Own) Hussars

A Reservist, he was called to the colours in August 1914, and was immediately drafted to the Western Front, where after fighting in the Retreat from Mons, he took part in the Battles of the Marne, The Aisne, La Basee and Neuve Chapelle. He fell in action at Ypres on May 24th 1915, and was entitled to the Mons Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals.

"A costly sacrifice upon the altar of freedom".

Camp Hill, Bugbrooke, Northants

Additional Information

James Barnes, was Bugbrooke born and bred, coming from a long established family. In the 1891 census, he was living with his grandparents, William and Sophia Barnes at Downs Farm Bugbrooke. In the 1901 census, he was staying with his uncle Fred Barnes, a baker in what is now Ace Lane, and was apprentice baker. By 1911, he was in the army as a groom, and staying as a boarder in Sandwich, Kent.

School letter of the 18th September 1914 says "Pt Barnes is in the C Squadron of the 11th Hussars and we know for certain has been amongst severe fighting".

School letter of the 23rd October – "The Rector has received a letter from Pt James Barnes at the front. He says how he loves to receive a letter from home. We read them by the camp fire and it makes the next days work go down better to know that people at home are praying for us. If James can he will bring back a Uhlan's hat. He says he should like us Bugbrooke men to all come home at the same time so that we could have a church parade. I thank all the Bugbrooke people for their kind wishes. When I come home I will thank them personally. If I do not come home this letter expresses how I appreciate it. Goodbye. In another few minutes we shall be in the saddle again and the order is forward on now."

In a letter home dated Oct 10th P^t James Barnes at the front says that just then they had begun to hope that the german 'coal bin' (shells) had all been broken. But he was mistaken, as 'several came to sea yesterday'. James was longing for a "spotted dog, and humourously wrote that he was so hungry that he wanted one as long as from Bugbrooke to Northampton, in fact, he could have eaten his way home! James noted that he had received the Bugbrooke Roll of Honour.

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