



## Private Charles Barnes - 18062



9<sup>th</sup> Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment  
formerly Leicestershire Regiment

Died of wounds Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 1917

Age 33

Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, France,  
plot15 Row J Grave 12

Burbage War Memorial

Wesleyan War Memorial



The Barnes are one of the three families of Burbage who lost two sons in the War. Charles was eldest son and second of the twelve children of John and Ellen Barnes. Born at Weston Flavell, Northamptonshire in 1884. By 1895 Charles moved with his family to Burbage firstly living at 11 Sketchley Road.

His Father John was a coach smith and by the age of sixteen Charles was also working in the same trade. By 1911 at the age of 26 Charles had moved to Coventry to work as a Smith Hammer man working on the early production lines at the Daimler Car Works. On the 1911 Census he is lodging with the Wozencroft family at 106 East Street, Coventry.

At the outbreak of war in August 1914 Charles returned to his family who were now living at 12 Occupation Road, (now Crossways), in Burbage. He enlisted in Hinckley and joined the Leicestershire Regiment in August 1914.

Perhaps because of his skills he was transferred to the North Stafford's Pioneers with whom he went to France in August 1915.

In 1916 Charles lost two younger brothers. On 21<sup>st</sup> June 1916 Harry the youngest brother age 16, died at home from a long illness. On 4<sup>th</sup> July 1916 Frank was killed in action on the Somme.

The first battle of Arras began on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 1917 and lasted until the 4<sup>th</sup> May. It was during this time that Charles was wounded and died of his wounds on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1917.



WW1 Death Plaque

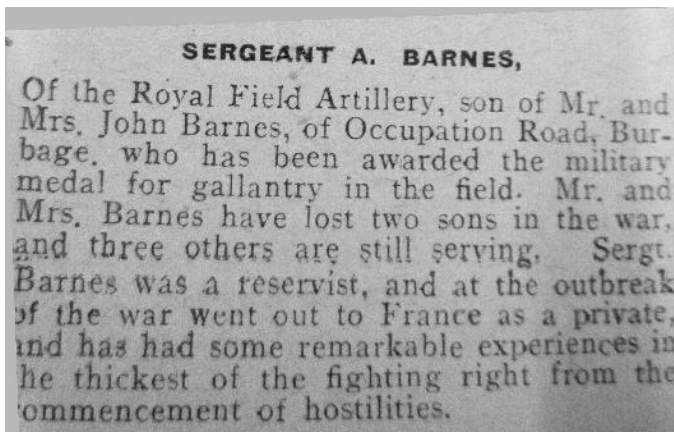


Medals awarded to Charles Barnes



Cabaret-Rouge Cemetery, Souchez, France

Six of the Barnes brothers served in WW1. William, Walter, John and Arthur survived. In December 1917 Arthur received the Military medal.



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