

William Alfred SQUIRE

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Sapper

Royal Engineers (Signals)



William was 30 when he was called up on 10th December 1915 for the duration of the war, as until then, because of his training, the Post Office held an exemption from his military service (The Derby Scheme) unless he was specifically required as an expert telegraphist. On joining he became Sapper, Office Telegraphist and after initial training at Fenny Stratford he joined up with the British Expeditionary Force in France on 13th April 1916 and was allocated to a Base Signal Depot. He was posted as overseas until 19th March 1919 but he got 14 days home leave in October 1918. After he returned to France he caught Influenza and was first hospitalised in Number 61 Casualty Clearing Station, later transferred to Number 83 General Hospital, Boulogne before a final transfer to Napsbury Hospital in Hertfordshire UK. He was discharged from the Army on 2nd May 1919.

He served in the Home Guard in the Second World War.

