

Reginald Sibley Baynes

Sergeant, 5th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, "Pioneers." Joined the colours at Peterborough, August 26th, 1914. Continuous service in France with the above regiment. Wounded at Hulluch, Hohenzollern Redoubt, March 10th, 1916. Died at 33 Casualty Clearing Station the same day. Buried at Bethune Cemetery, France. Awarded 1914-15 Star and General Service Medal.



REGINALD BAYNES WAS born in Peterborough in 1893 to Henry and Sarah Jane (née Sibley). His father was a joiner. The family, which also included Reginald's sister Constance, continued to live in the Peterborough area. In 1911 Reginald, now aged 18, was employed as a draughtsman, and by the time he enlisted in the Army in 1914 he was described as an architect's assistant.

He joined the Northamptonshire Regiment as a Private and was immediately despatched to France. He seems to have quickly advanced to the rank of Corporal and then to Sergeant, and he remained in theatre. His service record reads that he was wounded on 10th March 1916 and died in the local Casualty Clearing Station a few days later on 15th March. He was buried in the Bethune Town Cemetery.

Reginald Sibley Baynes is remembered on the Corsham Memorial, but there is no obvious family link between him and the town.