



# Woodford Remembers



Pte. Frank Ernest Perkins

1 May 1896 – 3 May 1917

## Family

Frank Ernest Perkins was born on 1 May 1896 to Herbert and Fanny Perkins. Herbert William, son of Joseph Perkins was born in Little Addington married Fanny Hawes, daughter of George Hawes of Woodford on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1895. By the time of the wedding both families were living in Woodford. Frank started his education at the Infant school on 28 June 1899 and continued his education in the Junior School in Church Street. At the age of 14, on leaving school Frank became an iron ore miner at the Iron Ore mines to the north of the village. Frank had four younger siblings, Beatrice, William, Joseph and Roland. The family lived in Boston Cottages, Constable Walk. Descendants of Frank's younger brother, Roland still live in the village. Frank was a member of the Woodford WMC Town Band.

## Army Service

Frank enlisted with the Northamptonshire Regiment in Thrapston during August 1914, regimental number 27695 before moving to the 213<sup>th</sup> Machine Corps service number 81491. He was initially reported missing on 3 May 1917, but a subsequent letter advised that "It is my painful duty to inform you that no further news has been received regarding your relative 81491 MGC missing since 5 March 1917".

## Burial / grave

No known grave.

## Dependants

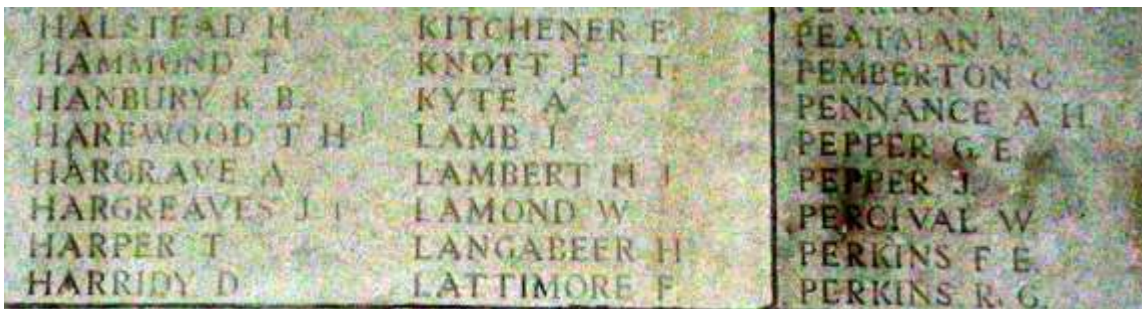
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## Commemoration

Woodford War Memorial

Woodford St Mary's Church

Arras Memorial Bay 10



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