

Pte. Percy Perkin(s)

Name	Percy PERKIN(S)	Parents	John James PERKINS and Elizabeth PERKINS (née BEVAN), both from Okehampton in Devon)
Birth Place	Bozeat, Northamptonshire		
Occupation 1911	At School		
Date of Birth	Third quarter of 1899	Married	Single
Date Enlisted	May 1918		



PERKINS, P., Private, Buffs (East Kent Regt.)

Joining in May 1918, he was drafted to the Western Front on completion of a period of training four months later, and there saw much severe fighting at Cambrai. He made the supreme sacrifice, falling in action at Péronne on September 24th, 1918, only 14 days after landing in France. He was entitled to the General Service and Victory Medals.

"His memory is cherished with pride."

Ward's Lodge, Bugbrooke, Northants.

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He was one of at least 14 children and the fifth of seven sons, the first born in Bozeat after the family moved from Okehampton in Devon, where his father had married in the name PERKIN.

He was posted to 7th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) as Private G/25822 (the 'G' prefix being common to soldiers in Home Counties regiments). This battalion was formed in September 1914 at Canterbury and landed at Boulogne in July 1915, remaining in France until the end of the war.

Percy was soon in action and sadly died - possibly from wounds received earlier - on 24 September 1918. He is commemorated as PERKINS on Panel 3 of the Vis-en-Artois memorial, in the Pas de Calais, where some 9,830 from August 1918 onwards, with no known grave, are recorded.

PTE. P. PERKIN.



After only a fortnight's experience of campaigning in France, Pte. Percy Perkin, of the Buffs, who joined up four months ago, is reported killed in action on September 24th. He was 19 years of age, the fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Perkin, of Ward's Lodge, Bugbrooke, and before joining up worked for Mr. W. J. Adams, of that village. Three brothers, and three brothers-in-law are serving,

four of them in France.

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