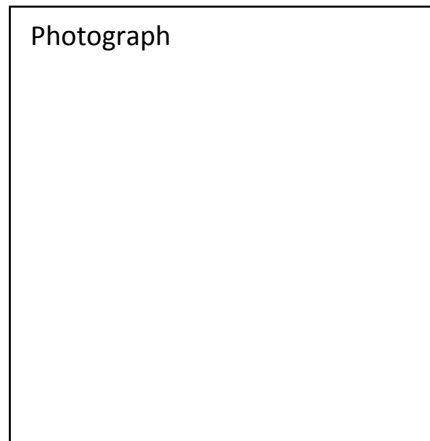


<i>Name</i>	Frederick PERKINS
<i>Birth Place</i>	Wellingborough
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Boot maker
<i>Date of Birth</i>	Third quarter of 1882
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	Probably May 1916



<i>Parents</i>	Henry PERKINS and Ann PERKINS (née GOODWIN)
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<i>Married</i>	Sophia Hannah DUNKLEY from Eastcote in the second quarter of 1920
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Information from National Roll of the Great War

PERKINS; F., Pte., Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Joining in May 1916, he was drafted to France five months later, and there served as a stretcher-bearer in various sectors. He took part in the Battles of the Somme, Arras, Ypres and Cambrai and many other important engagements, and was wounded during the Advance of 1918. Demobilised in February 1919, he holds the General Service and Victory Medals.

Wards Lodge, Bugbrooke, Northants.

Additional Information

Frederick PERKINS was one of at least six children of Henry PERKINS, a shoe manufacturer, and his wife Ann (sometimes Annie).

In 1911 he was lodging at St Giles in Northampton and employed as a boot maker.

Frederick reportedly enlisted (or was conscripted) in May 1916, allocated No. 14748 as a Private in The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). He was posted after basic training to that regiment's 6th (Service) Battalion which had been in France since 1 June 1915, landing at Boulogne. He apparently served for a while as a stretcher-bearer and was allegedly wounded in 1918. After recuperation in England he was discharged during February 1919, at which time he seems to have been living in Bugbrooke.

Frederick qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He married local girl Sophia DUNKLEY in 1920.

Frederick died in late 1962 at Brixworth, aged 80.

His widow, Sophia (using the surname PERKIN), died in March 1967 aged 66, also at Brixworth.

Note – the National Roll (as quoted above) also has a Percy PERKIN(S), killed in action, with "Ward's Lodge, Bugbrooke" as a home address; he does not appear to be directly related to Frederick.