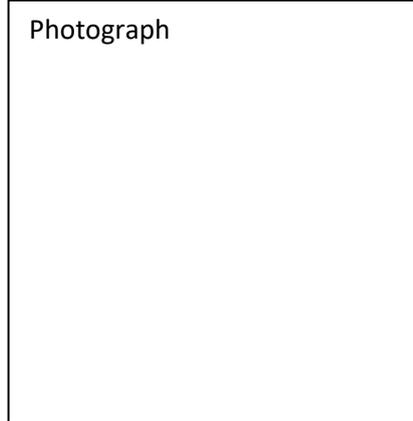


<i>Name</i>	John Thomas JEFFERY
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	At school?
<i>Date of Birth</i>	11 April 1900
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	11 May 1918



<i>Parents</i>	Alfred Andrew JEFFERY and Annie Elizabeth JEFFERY (née SMITH)
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<i>Married</i>	Norah JUDKINS from Harpole in the third quarter of 1926
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<i>Information from National Roll of the Great War</i>
No entry found.

Additional Information

John JEFFERY was the son of Alfred JEFFERY, a lock-keeper, and his wife, Annie. [The family has not been traced in the 1911 Census]

He enlisted as a private soldier shortly after his 18th birthday, by then working in the local shoe trade, and was earmarked for the Middlesex Regiment, allocated the number 103984. On completion of his basic training, he was posted to the 53rd (Young Soldiers) Battalion of the Training Reserve (Middlesex Regiment) on 15 August 1918, having survived a spell in hospital that Summer with influenza.

Clearly taking to military life, John was appointed an unpaid Acting Lance-Corporal on 8 March 1919. He embarked for France from Dover on 4 April, landing at Dunkirk the following day and was posted to the 19th (Service) Battalion of the regiment on 8 April.

It is not clear from his damaged service record exactly where he served, though at least part of his time was with the Army of Occupation in Germany. He continued to do well, rapidly progressing to Acting Corporal and then to Acting Sergeant, on 8 January 1920. It was in that latter rank that he embarked for England on 9 March that year in preparation for demobilisation. He left Purfleet for Bugbrooke on 13 March and was finally released on 10 April. Despite some minor disciplinary infringements on his record, his overall conduct was assessed as 'Very Good' at his discharge.

John's service (after the end of hostilities in Europe) did not qualify for any medals.

He was working as a Post Office lineman in 1939 and served as an ARP (Air Raid Precautions) Warden during the Second World War.

John died on 12 September 1954 and his widow Norah on 24 March 1982; they are both commemorated on memorial 226 in Bugbrooke churchyard.