



## Lance Corporal Percy Starkey 44767



10<sup>th</sup> Battalion Essex Regiment formerly  
Sherwood Foresters

Killed in action Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1918

Age 19

Unicorn Cemetery, Vendhuile, France –  
Plot 1, Row C, Grave 14

Burbage War Memorial

Wesleyan War Memorial



Percy was the second son of George and Miriam Starkey. His Father George had been a serving soldier when Percy was born in Hinckley in November 1899.

Miriam his mother worked at Sketchley Dye Works until his father left the Army and the family moved to 50 Windsor Street, Burbage.

Percy may have attended the nearby Wesleyan School along with his elder brother Alban.

His father and brother were hatmakers but on leaving school Percy went to work in hosiery manufacturing.

At the outbreak of war in 1914 his father George was called up as a reservist but was wounded and discharged. The family moved to Crosslands Row on the Hinckley Road.

Older brother Alban married in September 1914 and enlisted shortly afterwards. He saw service in Iraq and was killed in action on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 1916

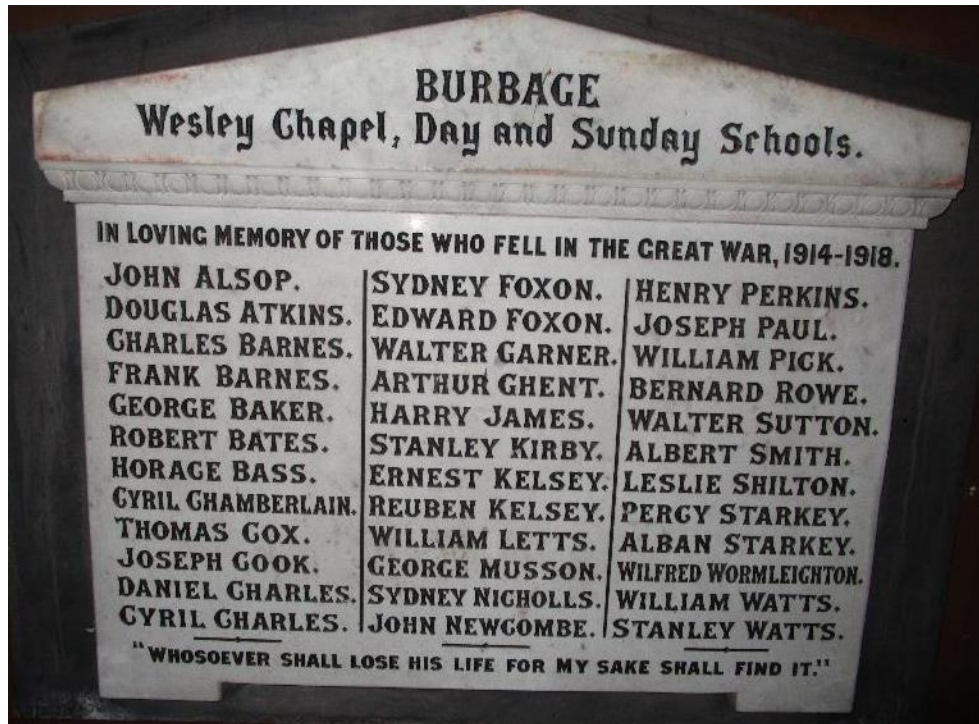
As he lived in Hinckley his name is on the Argents Mead Memorial.

At the age of 18 in November 1917 Percy left his work at Mason and Blakesley Hosiery Manufacturers and enlisted.

After basic training he joined the Sherwood Foresters Regiment and was posted to France. The Sherwood's were amalgamated with the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion Essex Regiment and Percy was promoted to Lance Corporal.

In September 1918 the Allies were heavily engaged trying to break through the Hindenburg Line and it was during one of these battles on the 21<sup>st</sup> September that Percy was killed.

His name along with his brother Alban is on the Wesleyan Memorial.



Wesleyan Memorial



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