



Private Percy Malkin MM 41813



1st Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment
formally Leicestershire Regiment.

Killed in action Wednesday 7th August 1918

Age 25

Aix-Noulette Communal Cemetery extension,
France, Plot 2 Row G grave 17.

Burbage War Memorial

St Catherine's Church Memorial



Percy was the eldest of the six surviving children of Ernest and Eliza Malkin, born 2nd March 1893.

At the age of three Percy started his education at the Burbage National School in August 1896.

By 1900 the growing family had moved to 66 Victoria Rd. As with many of his contemporaries, Percy would probably have left school at the age of thirteen and started work in one of the local factories as a shoe hand.

Before the outbreak of war Percy had moved employment and worked for the largest employer in the district in the trim shop of Sketchley Dye Works.

On the 20 October 1915 Percy enlisted at Hinckley. Amongst his records it states that he was physically fit and was 5ft 8ins tall. After basic training in England he sailed from Folkstone for France on the 15th March 1916 and joined the 6th Leicester's regiment at the Etaples Camp.

For the next year he saw action around the Ypres Salient where on the 7th October 1917 he received a gunshot wound to the right shoulder. This was probably near Reutel a village east of Polygon wood where the battalion was placed.

His injuries reported as a suppurating flesh wound were severe enough for him to be evacuated on the 12 October to the General Military Hospital Edmonton, London.

Fortunately, he recovered and was discharged from hospital on the 5th December 1917. Before returning to the front he was able to spend some time with his family in Burbage.

It was whilst in Burbage Percy received a letter from his commanding officer that he had been awarded the Military Medal for 'the excellent work he did at the time he was wounded and heartily congratulated him on a well-earned distinction.'

His award of the Military Medal appeared in the London Gazette on the 8th of March 1918. Along with Private J T Allen he was one of only two Burbage men to receive the Military Medal.

After five months recovering in England he returned to France on the 26th March 1918. Back with the Leicester's he saw action in the Ypres area when after three weeks he was once again wounded in action south of Ypres close to a place called Bedford House on the 16th April.

With a shell wound to the head he was admitted to the 2/2 North Midland Field Ambulance and then to 7th Stationary Hospital in Boulogne.

On the 9th May he had sufficiently recovered to be moved to no 7 Convalescent Camp. Percy remained there until the 10th June when he was moved to Calais.

His final posting came on 2nd July when he joined the 1st Battalion North Staffs Regiment when after three weeks he joined the battalion in the field.

After over two years' service on the front in France and twice being wounded, his final 17 days were spent serving on the frontline.

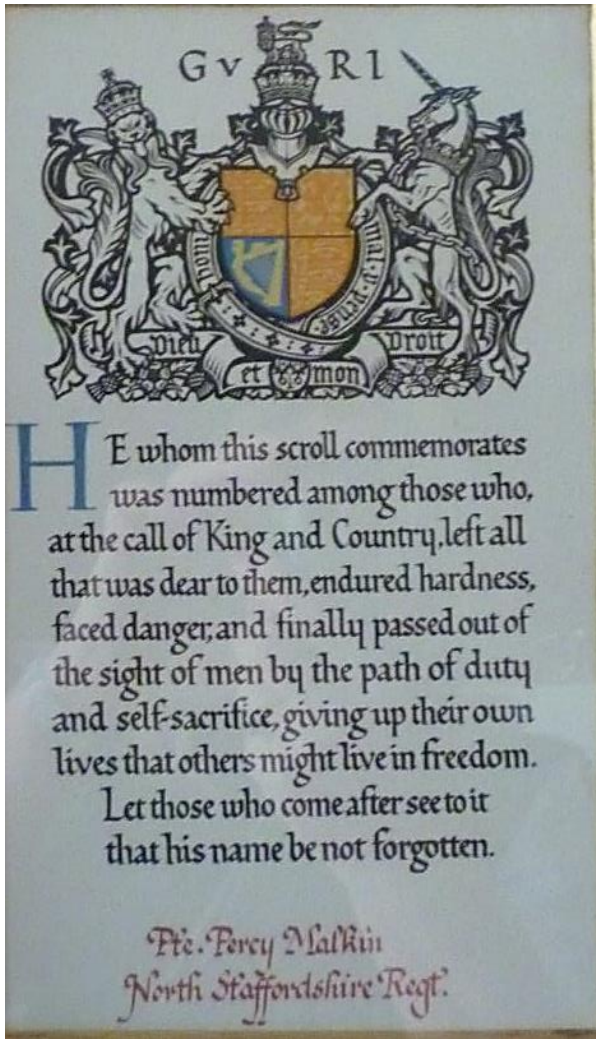
Percy Malkin was killed in action on the 7th August 1918.

His family in Burbage were informed and his grieving parents received letters of sympathy from his Chaplin, Commanding Officer and the comrades who followed him to the graveside.



Battlefield Cross

His medals the 14-15 star, the Victory medal and the Military Medal including the death plaque remain in Burbage.



Percy Malkin's Medals & Death Plaque

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
MALKIN	Line R N Staff R	Plt	21879 41813
Percy			
Medal	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	1/104	111	1303
BARBARIC	20	20	
BRAN			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

K. 1300

Percy Malkin – Medal Card



Aix-Noulette Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France



Percy with his family

(Robert, Ester, John, Elizabeth, Harold, Percy, George, William, Emily, Tilly & Bert)