



Woodford Remembers



Private A Gerald Allen

6 January 1920 – 2 April 1941

Family

Arthur Gerald Allen was born on 6 January 1920 to Arthur and Maud Allen nee Abbott. He was their fourth child, the older siblings being Grace, Herbert and Nancy. William and Walter were his younger siblings. Arthur Gerald started at the Infant school on 9th January 1923, moving on to the Junior School on 10 September 1928. On 31 July 1931 he left Woodford School and continued his education at Thrapston Secondary School, where he remained until the age of 14 years. On leaving school he worked in the shoe trade and lived in Mill Road in 1939. His father Arthur Allen worked as a Blast Furnaceman at the Islip Ironworks.

Army Service

Arthur Gerald Allen joined the Army – Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment - 70th Battalion with service number 5888543.

The Northamptonshire Mercury and Herald reported on 25 April 1941 they had been advised that Private A Gerald Allen had been fatally wounded in a shooting accident near Kings Lynn. He had just returned to barracks from a walk when bullets from a machine gun which was being reassembled went through a door by which he was standing.

Burial / grave

Woodford St Mary's Churchyard

Dependants

None

Commemoration

Woodford Village Memorial

Woodford St Mary's Church Memorial

