



Woodford Remembers



L/C Arthur John Rudkin

18 May 1914 – 25 November 1942

Family

Arthur John Rudkin was born in 1914 to Arthur John Rudkin (b1885) and Sabina Elizabeth Bland (1882 -1919). Arthur was younger brother to Florence (b1904) and Evelyn (b1910). His father worked for the Drayton Iron and Steel Company as a labourer, mining limestone.

Arthur junior attended the infant school from 17 September 1917 until 11 September 1922, when he moved to the junior school, but along with most of his year group he returned to the infant school on 31 October that year due to overcrowding. He moved to the junior school again on 10 September 1923 where he was educated until 3 August 1928.

Following his marriage in 1940 he lived with his wife, Gertrude (nee Hewitt) at Cairo Cottages in Thrapston Road Woodford.

Following his death probate was awarded to his father A J Rudkin who had moved to 46 Duke Street Buton Latimer and was employed as a cemetery worker.

Army Service

Arthur was a member of the 5th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment. Regimental number 5889357. The battalion left the United Kingdom on 16 October 1942 and deployed to French North Africa where it took part in Operation Torch to retake north Africa, landing in Algeria on 9 November 1942. A few days later the battalion as part of the 36th infantry Brigade's advance towards Tunis. It was here that Arthur became a casualty of war, and is buried in the Massicault War Cemetery, Tunisia.

Burial / grave

Massicault War Cemetery Grave I E 5

Dependants

Gertrude Rudkin - wife

Commemoration

Woodford Village Memorial

Woodford St Mary's Church Memorial



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