

**Netley Military Cemetery,
Hampshire, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2222 PRIVATE

H. G. PERKINS MM.

45TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

13TH JUNE, 1918 Age 37

Have Mercy Upon Him Lord

And Let Perpetual Light

Shine Upon Him

Herbert George PERKINS

Herbert George Perkins was born at Launceston, Tasmania on 5th November, 1881 to parents George and Ann Mary Perkins (nee Lampkin). He was baptised on 15th December, 1882 at St. John's Church, Launceston, Tasmania.

Herbert George Perkins attended State School at Invermay, Tasmania.

George Perkins, father of Herbert George Perkins, died on 28th September, 1899.

Herbert George Perkins was a 34 year old, single, Labourer from 36 Roderick Street, Launceston, Tasmania when he enlisted at Liverpool, NSW on 3rd May, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2222 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his sister – Mrs C. Pearson, of 36 Roderick Street, Launceston, Tasmania.

Private Herbert George Perkins was posted to 6th Reinforcements of 13th Battalion for recruit training.

Private Herbert George Perkins embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Wandilla* (A62) on 14th June, 1915 with the 13th Infantry Battalion 6th Reinforcements.

Private Herbert George Perkins joined his Unit at Gallipoli on 2nd August, 1915.

Private Herbert George Perkins was written up at Mudros for being Absent without Leave from 6.30 pm on 25th September, 1915 to 6.30 pm on 28th September, 1915. He forfeited 3 days pay & was given 14 days F. P. No. 2 (Field Punishment).

Private Herbert George Perkins was written up at Mudros on 4th October, 1915 for causing a disturbance after "Lights Out". He was awarded 14 days F. P. No. 2 (Field Punishment).

Private Herbert George Perkins was sent to Hospital at Mudros on 20th October, 1915 from 13th Battalion. He was admitted to Lowlands Casualty Clearing Station on 6th November, 1915 – "No Disease stated." Pte Perkins was admitted to Anzac Adm. Base on 16th November, 1915 then marched out to join his Unit on 20th November, 1915. Pte Perkins rejoined his Battalion at Gallipoli on 21st November, 1915.

Private Herbert George Perkins disembarked from H.T. *Cardiganshire* at Alexandria on 1st January, 1916.

13th Battalion

The 13th Battalion AIF was raised from late September 1914, six weeks after the outbreak of the First World War. The battalion was recruited in New South Wales, and with the 14th, 15th and 16th Battalions formed the 4th Brigade, commanded by Colonel John Monash.

The 4th Brigade landed at ANZAC Cove late in the afternoon of 25 April 1915. From May to August, the battalion was heavily involved in establishing and defending the ANZAC front line. In August, the 4th Brigade attacked Hill 971. The hill was taken at great cost, although Turkish reinforcements forced the Australians to withdraw. The 13th also suffered casualties during the attack on Hill 60 on 27 August. The battalion served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December.

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt. While in Egypt the AIF was expanded and was reorganised. The 13th Battalion was split and provided experienced soldiers for the 45th Battalion. The 4th Brigade was combined with the 12th and 13th Brigades to form the 4th Australian Division.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Herbert George Perkins was transferred from 13th Battalion to 45th Battalion & was taken on strength of 45th Battalion on 3rd March, 1916.

Private Herbert George Perkins was transferred to (H.Q.) Stretcher Bearer at Serapeum on 24th April, 1916.

Private Herbert George Perkins proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on Troopship *Kinfauns Castle* on 2nd June, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France

Private Herbert George Perkins was absent without leave from 2 pm to 4.30 pm on 30th July, 1916. He forfeited 5 days' pay.

Private Herbert George Perkins was wounded in action on 7-8th August, 1916. He was admitted to 13th Field Ambulance on 8th August, 1916 with gunshot wounds to abdomen then transferred & admitted to 3rd Casualty Clearing Station the same day. Pte Perkins was transferred by Ambulance Train on 9th August, 1916 & admitted to 12th General Hospital at Rouen, France on 10th August, 1916. He embarked for England on 14th August, 1916 on Hospital Ship *St George*.

War Diary – 45th Battalion

7th August, 1916:

About 4.30 am the enemy attempted another weak counter attack which was easily repulsed. Several prisoners were taken. The two companies "C" and "D" on the left were relieved by "A" Company.

Casualties to 12 noon.

Killed – Officers – Nil

Other ranks 21.

Wounded – 3 Officers – Capt. R. T. Tarrant, 2/Lt E. Cornish, 2/Lt S. V. Dolton

Other ranks 67

8th August, 1916:

Relieved by the 46th Bn and went into support trenches on strong points. Whilst in supports supplied all fatigues and working parties.

Casualties to 12 noon.

Killed – 1 Officer – Capt L. S. Drinkwater

Other ranks 9.

Wounded – 1 Officer – 2/Lt E. V. Steele

Other ranks 83

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Herbert George Perkins was admitted to 1st Southern General Hospital, Dudley Rd, Birmingham, England on 15th August, 1916. He was discharged from Hospital & was to report to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 26th September, 1916 – detraining Station – Ludgershall, Wiltshire.

Private Herbert George Perkins reported to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 27th September, 1916 from Hospital. He was granted furlough on 28th September, 1916. Pte Perkins was marched in from furlough on 16th October, 1916 & medically classified as B1 A (fit for Overseas Training Camp in a few weeks). Pte Perkins was marched out to Command Depot at Wareham from Perham Downs on 27th October, 1916.

Private Herbert George Perkins proceeded overseas via Folkestone on 14th December, 1916 on *Princess Henrietta* from No. 4 Command Depot at Wareham, England. He joined 4th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 13th December, 1916. Pte Perkins rejoined 45th Battalion in the Field on 20th December, 1916.

Private Herbert George Perkins was sent to Hospital in France on 4th May, 1917. He was admitted to 13th Field Ambulance Station on 4th May, 1917 with Scabies then discharged to 1st Anzac Scabies Station the same day. Pte Perkins was transferred to Corps Scabies Station at 6th Australian Field Ambulance on 5th May, 1917. He was

discharged to his Unit & rejoined his Unit on 14th May, 1917. (an entry on the Casualty Form – Active Service for Pte Perkins reads “Dis to Unit 19.5.17”)

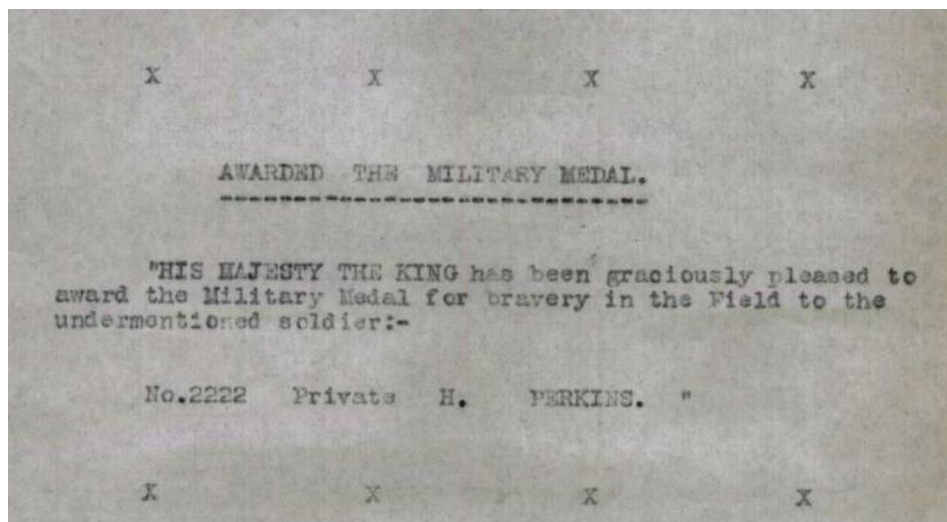
Private Herbert George Perkins was recommended for the Military Medal on 14th June, 1917 – “At MESSINES during operations from the 7.6.17 to 11.6.17 Pte Perkins did very excellent work as a stretcher bearer carrying wounded men back from front line to regimental aid post under very heavy artillery and machine gun fire showing utter disregard to personal safety.”

Private Herbert George Perkins was awarded the Military Medal on 23rd June, 1917 (*London Gazette* – 16 August, 1917 & *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* – 20 December, 1917).



Military Medal issued for bravery in battle on land.

Mrs C. Pearson, sister of Private Herbert George Perkins, & listed as next-of-kin, was advised on 3rd January, 1918 that her brother had been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous services.



Private Herbert George Perkins was absent without leave from 9 pm to 10 pm on 19th December, 1917. He forfeited 5 days' pay by C.O. 45th Battalion.

Private Herbert George Perkins was granted leave to UK from 21st February, 1918 & rejoined from leave on 12th March, 1918.

Private Herbert George Perkins was wounded in action (second occasion) in France on 16th May, 1918. He was admitted to 12th Australian Field Ambulance on 17th May, 1918 with shrapnel wounds to chest (penetrating). Pte Perkins was transferred to 5th Casualty Clearing Station on 17th May, 1918 with gunshot wounds to chest. He was

transferred & admitted to 2nd Canadian General Hospital on 27th May, 1918 then transferred to Ambulance Train 29. Pte Perkins embarked for England on 11th June, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Essequibbo*.

War Diary – 45th Battalion

15th May, 1918:

Our artillery was actively engaged upon the enemy's lines and back areas. Enemy shelling of Villers Bretonneux and between front and support lines continued during the day. Our working parties were engaged throughout the night improving the front and support lines and communication trenches. A gift from the A.M.C.A. of cigarettes for the men in the battalion was much appreciated and arrangements were made for the purchase of cigarettes, chocolates and biscuits.

16th May, 1918:

The day was quiet and there was not a great amount of enemy shelling. Our "eighteen and sixty pounder" batteries engaged the enemy lines and heavier guns shelled Harbonnières. An enemy plane was brought down by our aeroplanes. "A" and "B" Coy's were engaged in improving front and support lines and "C" and "D" Coy's worked on completing the wire put out during the previous night, and breaking through the blocks existing in the front line.

17th May, 1918:

Enemy artillery was active throughout the day, one shell dropping in our trench. Our guns were quiet until noon when they opened on the enemy's trenches. Four 5" shells fell in "no-man's-land", and three 4.5's which failed to explode dropped short in the rear of our lines. Our heavy artillery shelled Marcelcave during the afternoon. At 5.10 am our aeroplanes brought down an enemy balloon in flames and a hostile plane fell behind our lines. One of our machines was brought down by enemy anti-aircraft guns. Our working parties were engaged on front line and communication trenches, wiring, and breaking through blocks in the lines.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

45th Battalion

The 45th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 2 March 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its new recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 13th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 13th, the new battalion was composed mostly of men from New South Wales.

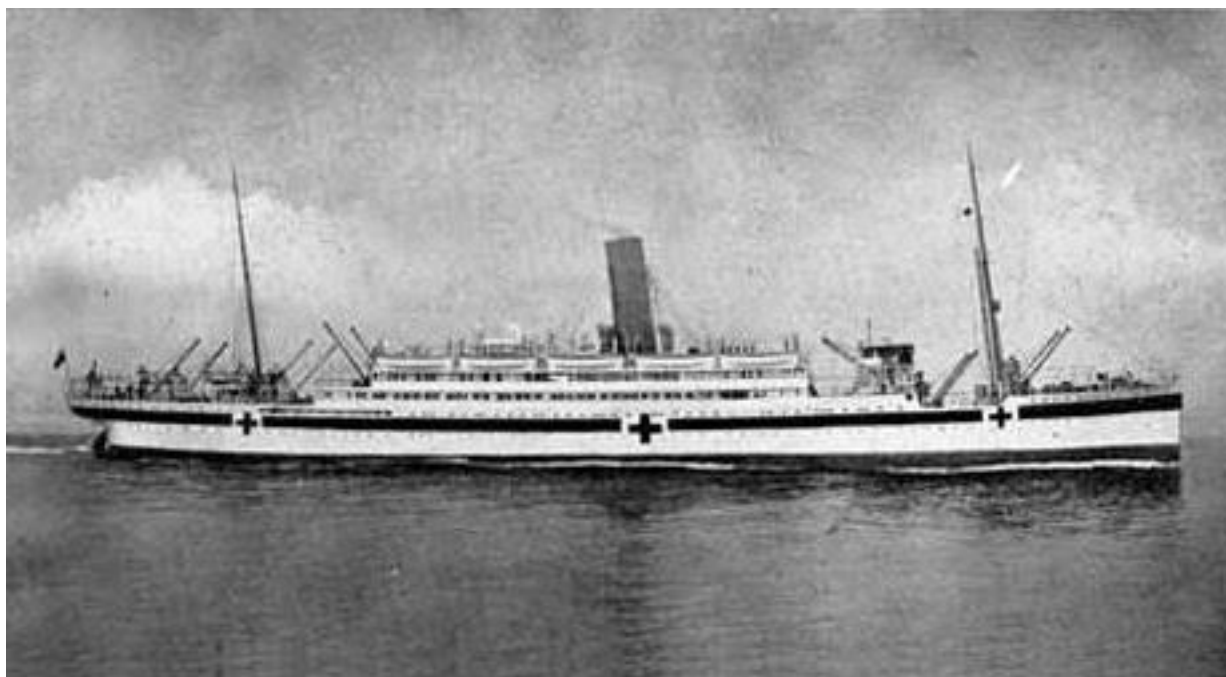
As part of the 12th Brigade of the 4th Australian Division, the 45th Battalion arrived in France on 8 June 1916, destined for the Western Front. It fought in its first major battle at Pozieres in August, defending ground previously captured by the 2nd Australian Division. After Pozieres the battalion spent the period until March 1917 alternating between duty in the trenches and training and rest behind the lines, first around Ypres in Belgium, and then in the Somme Valley in France.

The 45th Battalion was in reserve for the 4th Division's first major action of 1917 'the first battle of Bullecourt' and was not committed to the attack. It was, however, heavily engaged during the battle of Messines in June, and suffered commensurate casualties. The focus of the AIF's operations had now switched to the Ypres sector in Belgium and the 45th took part in another major battle near Passchendaele on October 12. Conditions were horrendous and the operation was hastily planned - thus it resulted in failure.

Like most AIF battalions, the 45th rotated in and out of the front line throughout the winter of 1917-18. In the spring of 1918 it played a crucial role in turning the last great German offensive of the war when it defeated attacks aimed at breaking through the British front around Dernancourt.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Herbert George Perkins died at 9.40 am on 13th June, 1918 at sea on board the Hospital Ship *Essequibo*, alongside the Quay at Southampton, England from wounds received in action - bullet wound through left lung, Pleural effusion with secondary haemorrhage and heart failure. He was admitted dead to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire England.



Hospital Ship *Essequibo*.

A death for H. G. Perkins was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Southampton, Hampshire, England.

Private Herbert George Perkins was buried at 2 pm on 17th June, 1918 in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England – Plot number C.E. 1954 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte Herbert George Perkins - *Coffin was good polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral. The coffin was draped with the Union Jac Flag. Gun Carriage, Pallbearers and Bugler were present. Prior to the interment a service was held by Chaplain the Rev. Forrest, C.F. in the Garrison Church, Netley. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross will be erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Private Herbert George Perkins requested in his Will, dated 28th June, 1917, that all his real and personal estate be bequeathed to his sister – Mrs Cissie Pearson, of 36 Goderich Str., Inveresk, Launceston, Tasmania.

Private Herbert George Perkins was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Perkins' mother – Mrs A. Perkins, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Herbert George Perkins – service number 2222, aged 37, of 45th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of George and Ann Mary Perkins.

H. G. Perkins is remembered on the Launceston War Memorial/Cenotaph, located at Paterson Street, near Bathurst Street Overpass, Launceston, Tasmania.



Launceston War Memorial/Cenotaph



Herbert G. Perkins is remembered on the Holy Trinity Roll of Honour, located in Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Cameron & George Streets, Launceston, Tasmania.



Holy Trinity Roll of Honour, Launceston

Herbert George Perkins is remembered on the Wall of Remembrance, at the War Memorial, Cecilia Street, St. Helens, Tasmania. The Wall of Remembrance commemorates those from Tasmania who died in service or were killed in action in World War One.

Front Inscription

Tasmania's World War One Roll of Honour, 1914 - 1918

The names of 3165 soldiers, sailors and airmen who were Tasmanian by birth or residence and died from their service in WW1 are commemorated on these walls. Their names appear alphabetically, grouped by the year of death. These men served with Australian, New Zealand and British units.

"What these men did nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and the smallness of their story will stand. Whatever of glory it contains nothing now can lessen. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of ages, a monument to great hearted men; and for their nation, a possession forever. "



Tasmania Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens (Photos from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

6871	Pte	Owen	Herbert Edward R	14.03.1918	23	12th Inf Bn	Newtown	
6847	Pte	Owen	Archie Walter	23.07.1918	21	12th Inf Bn	Newtown	
2008	Saptr	Pace	John Shadrack	10.04.1918	28	5th Div Sig Engr	Hobart	
7794	Pte	Page	William Frederick	08.08.1918	28	16th Inf Bn	Beaconsfield	
	Capt	Palfreyman	Audubon Eric	23.05.1918	28	27 Sqn RFC	West Hobart	
(1938)	Lt	Paliser	Arthur John	05.11.1918	24	4 Sqn AFC	Goulds Country	
2064	Pte	Palmer	Alfred	22.04.1918	28	40th Inf Bn	Burnie	
3620	Pte	Parker	William Gordon	09.04.1918	24	15th Inf Bn	Lalrobe	
97	Dvr	Parnissona	James Sydney J	11.08.1918	23	40th Inf Bn	Glennalg	
50131	Pte	Parsons	Sydney C	05.09.1917	19	2nd Pioneer Bn	Hobart	
6801	Pte	Paton	Herman Eric	29.05.1918	28	12th Inf Bn	Lalrobe	
(474)	Lt	Payne MC	Lancelot Joseph W	30.05.1918	21	25th Inf Bn	West Devonport	
3204	Pte	Peachey	John Edward	03.03.1918	28	58th Inf Bn	Waratah	
4931	Gnr	Peacock	Jack Ernest	23.08.1918	22	112 How Bty FA	Hobart	
4578	Gnr	Peasce	George Robert	20.11.1918	28	4 LtTrenchMtrBty	Queenstown	
11860	Pte	Pearson	John Graham	25.08.1918	31	3rd Fd Amb Coy	Gormanston	
1232	Pte	Peart	Wilfred Ernest	12.11.1918	20	4th Pioneer Bn	Waratah	ANZAC
476	Pte	Peck	Cyril Sydney	28.10.1918	20	40th Inf Bn	St Leonards	
3378	Pte	Peebles	Andrew Henderson	28.03.1918	25	40th Inf Bn	Preston	
4351	Pte	Pelham	Frederick Henry	23.08.1918	23	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	
2222	Pte	Perkins MM	Herbert George	13.06.1918	37	45th Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
22312	Dvr	Petford	Harry Augustus	22.10.1918	20	7th Fd Arty Bde	Newtown	
7063	Pte	Plau	William John	23.08.1918	20	12th Inf Bn	Sheffield	
7317	Pte	Philpott	John V George	24.08.1918	20	40th Inf Bn	Upper Liffey	
7085	Pte	Plicher	George	18.09.1918	29	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	
7316	Pte	Pinel	Philip John	28.03.1918	25	47th Inf Bn	Launceston	
5185	Pte	Pinkerton	Robert	24.04.1918	27	52nd Inf Bn	Lindisfarne	
7528	LtCpl	Piper	Edward	25.08.1918	30	40th Inf Bn	Wesley Vale	
3594	Pte	Pitman	Tasman Henry	29.09.1918	37	40th Inf Bn	Hobart	
1119	Pte	Podmore	William George	08.08.1918	23	3 LtHorseMG Sect	Hobart	ANZAC
1552A	Dvr	Pola	Frank Tasman	15.08.1918	22	5 DivFdArtyColn	Elliot	
7784	Pte	Poole	Arthur Henry	22.05.1918	44	12th Inf Bn	Burnie	
1521	CSM	Power MM	Edward John	02.09.1918	33	26th Inf Bn	Perth	ANZAC
2886	Pte	Pratchett	Frederick William	28.03.1918	30	40th Inf Bn	Queenstown	
3555	Pte	Pregnall	Sydney George	02.09.1918	33	40th Inf Bn	Deep Bay	
917	Pte	Pritchard	Philip Noel	18.08.1918	28	Provost Corps	St Leonards	
285	Pte	Pullford	Charles Lewis	09.09.1918	28	12th Inf Bn	Ross	ANZAC
47483	Pte	Pullen	Vivian Roy	05.08.1918	24	NZEF W/B	Tas Native	
2235	Pte	Pye	Henry	24.04.1918	24	52nd Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC

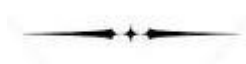
Private H. G. Perkins is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 140.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(62 pages of Private Herbert George Perkins' Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives





AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Members of C Company, 45th Battalion, in the advanced trenches at Garter Point, in the Ypres

*Identified, right to left, working back up the trench: 2138 Private (Pte) William Ernest Black; Pte E E Street; Pte H F Thurston; Pte J Clancy; Sergeant T. Lovett; Pte G Sears [3225 George Edward John Seers]; unidentified behind Sears; 800 Pte Hughie Edward Young MM (beside Seers); Pte G Walker (behind Young); **Pte Perkins [2222 Pte Herbert George Perkins MM]** (beside Walker), with a stretcher bearer's armband; 3747 Pte William James Williamson (behind Walker with cigarette in mouth); Pte F W Smith (behind Williamson); unidentified beside Smith; unidentified, behind and to the other unidentified's right); Pte R Thomas (behind Smith); 3403 Pte Horace Gordon Lane (behind Thomas); Pte J Phillips (to Thomas's right); all other men unidentified.*



Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

The 214th and 215th casualty lists were officially released.....

WOUNDED

2222 – Private H. G. Perkins, Launceston

(Zeehan and Dundas Herald, Tasmania – 19 September, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOUR

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

TASMANIAN NAMES

The 257th and 258th casualty lists were officially released.....

RETURNED TO DUTY

2222 – Private H. G. Perkins, Launceston

(Zeehan and Dundas Herald, Tasmania – 28 December, 1916)

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

LIST NO. 409

WOUNDED

Pte H. G. Perkins, M.M., Launceston – 2nd occ.

(The North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times, Tasmania – 17 June, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

PERKINS – Died of wounds received in action, 13th June, 1918, Private Herbert Geo. Perkins (M.M.), 45th Battalion (late 13th Battalion), A.I.F., dearly beloved eldest son of the late George Perkins and Annie Perkins, of Invermay-road. For King and country.

(Daily Telegraph, Launceston, Tasmania – 22 June, 1918) & (Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 22 June, 1918)

Roll of Honour

Tasmanian Casualties

Casualty List 413 in connection with the Australian Imperial Forces was released yesterday

DIED OF WOUNDS

Pte H. G. PERKINS, Launceston, 13/6/18 (previously reported wounded, second occasion)

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 2 July, 1918)

Tribute to a Tasmanian Soldier's Bravery:

The following is a copy of a letter received by Mrs A. Perkins, Invermay-road, Launceston, from the officer in command Base Records, Melbourne: "Department of Defence, Melbourne, December 3, 1918. Dear Madam, - It is with feelings of admiration at the gallantry-of a brave Australian soldier who has nobly laid down his life in the service of our King and country, that I am directed by the honorable the Minister to forward to you, as the next of kin of the late No. 2222 Private H. G. Perkins, 45th Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces, the Military Medal which His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award to that gallant soldier for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty while serving with the Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force. I am also to ask you to accept his deep personal sympathy in the loss which not only you, but the Australian army has sustained by the death of Private Perkins, whose magnificent conduct on the field of battle, has helped to earn for our Australian soldiers a fame which will endure as long as memory lasts."

(Daily Telegraph, Launceston, Tasmania – 14 December, 1918)

In Memoriam

On Active Service

PERKINS – In sad and loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Herbert George Perkins, M.M., 45th Battalion (late 13th Battalion), died of wounds received in France, 13th June, 1918 on board H.M.A.T. Essquibbo, while being transmitted to Netley, England.

Though death divides,
Fond memory clings.

-Inserted by his loving mother, brother and sister.

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 13 June, 1919)

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(Daily Telegraph, Launceston, Tasmania – 13 June, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

PERKINS – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Herbert G. Perkins, M.M., died June 13th, 1918, of wounds received in France.

"In our hearts fond memory lingers."

-Inserted by his loving mother, brother and sister.

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 12 June, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

PERKINS – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Herbert G. Perkins, M.M., died on the 13th June, 1918, of wounds received in France.

“In our hearts fond memory lingers.”

-Inserted by his loving mother, brother and sister.

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 13 June, 1921)

IN MEMORIAM

PERKINS – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Herbert G. Perkins, M.M., died June 13th, 1918, of wounds received in France.

Every day a memory.

-Inserted by his loving mother, brother and sister.

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 13 June, 1922)

IN MEMORIAM

PERKINS – In loving memory of our dear brother, Private Herbert George Perkins, M.M., died June 13th, 1918, of wounds received in France.

“In our hearts fond memory lingers.”

-Inserted by his loving brother and sister.

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 13 June, 1923)

IN MEMORIAM

PERKINS – In loving memory of our dear brother, Private Herbert George Perkins, M.M., died on the 13th June, 1918, of wounds received in France.

In our hearts fond memory lingers.

-Inserted by his loving brother and sister.

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 13 June, 1924)

IN MEMORIAM

PERKINS – In loving memory of our dear mother, Annie Perkins, who passed away on the 19th June, 1922; also our dear brother, Private Herbert Perkins M.M., who died of wounds, 13th June, 1918.

“Just a memory fond and true.”

-Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law.

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 19 June, 1925)

IN MEMORIAM

PERKINS – In fond and loving memory of our dear mother, Annie Perkins, who passed away on the 19th June, 1922; also our dear brother, Private Herbert Perkins, who died of wounds on the 13th June, 1918, on active service.

Ever Remembered.

-Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law.

(*Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – 19 June, 1926)

IN MEMORIAM

PERKINS – In loving memory of our dear mother, Annie Perkins, who passed away on the 19th of June, 1922. Also our dear brother, Private Herbert Perkins, who died of wounds on the 13th June, 1918, on active service.

“Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten.”

-Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law.

(*Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – 18 June, 1927)

IN MEMORIAM

PERKINS – In loving memory of our dear mother, Annie Perkins, who died June 19th, 1922; also our dear brother, Herbert Perkins, who died on June 13th, 1918.

Ever Remembered

-Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law.

(*Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – 18 June, 1928)

IN MEMORIAM

PERKINS – In loving memory of our dear mother, Annie Perkins, who passed away on June 19th, 1922; also our dear brother, Herbert Perkins, who died of wounds on June 13, 1918, on active service.

Ever remembered

-Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law.

(*Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – 19 June, 1929)

IN MEMORIAM

PERKINS – In loving memory of our dear mother, Annie Perkins, who passed away 19th June, 1922; also our dear brother, Herbert Perkins, who died 13th June, 1918, on active service.

In memory a constant thought,

In heart a silent sorrow

-Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law.

(*Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – 19 June, 1930)

IN MEMORIAM

PERKINS – In loving memory of our dear mother, Annie Perkins, who died 19th June, 1922; also our dear brother, Herbert Perkins, who died of wounds on active service, 13th June, 1918.

“To memory ever dear.”

-Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law.

(*Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – 19 June, 1931)

IN MEMORIAM

PERKINS – In sad and loving memory of our dear mother, Annie Perkins, who passed away in June 19th, 1922; also our dear brother, Herbert George Perkins, who died on June 13th, 1918, on active service.

Sadly missed.

-Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law.

(*Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – 18 June, 1932)

IN MEMORIAM

PERKINS – In loving memory of our dear mother, Annie Perkins, who passed away on the 19th June, 1922; also our dear brother, Herbert George Perkins, who died of wounds on the 13th June, 1918, on active service.

As long as life and memory last

We will remember you.

-Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law.

(*Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – 19 June, 1933)

IN MEMORIAM

PERKINS – In sad and loving memory of our dear mother, Annie Perkins, who died June 19th, 1922; also our dear brother, Herbert Perkins, who died June 13th, 1918, on active service.

Loved more than words can tell.

-Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law.

(*Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – 19 June, 1937)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(*Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921*)

Private H. G. Perkins does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Have Mercy Upon Him Lord And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him

Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England

Netley Military Cemetery is a permanent military cemetery, the property of the Ministry of Defence. The cemetery was at the back of the Royal Victoria Military Hospital and was used during both wars for burials from the hospital. The cemetery contains 637 First World War burials but only 35 from the Second World War. In addition to the Commonwealth graves, there are a number of war graves of other nationalities including 69 German graves dating from the First World War.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire





NETLEY MILITARY CEMETERY

This cemetery was used for many years for military burials from the Royal Victoria Hospital. The graves include those of 721 casualties from the First World War and 36 of the Second World War, comprising servicemen and women from the following countries:

United Kingdom	558	Undivided India	5
Australia	49	Belgium	15
Canada	42	Poland	1
New Zealand	12	Austria	1
South Africa	6	Germany	68

The Cross of Sacrifice alongside this plot was erected after the First World War.

THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION
IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE
OF THESE GRAVES

Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire (Photo above - Andrea Charlesworth; below - darealjolo)



Photo of Private H. G. Perkins' Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England.





Original Cross markers – Netley Military Cemetery