



ALBERT HORACE QUANTON

8 November 1944

Albert Horace Quainton was born on 26th March 1920 in North Weston near Thame. "Tiger", as he was known, was the youngest child of Sidney Cecil John Quainton and Edith Eliza (née Howes). He spent his childhood years in Moreton and went to school in Thame. On leaving school he went to work at the local brickworks and in 1937, with the family now living in Thame*, he joined the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

He was a motorcycle dispatch rider and was promoted to Lance Corporal in the 1st Battalion HQ Wing in August 1938. He



went to France in November 1939 and would have been at the Dunkirk evacuation. He later served in Ireland and England before returning to France shortly after the D-Day landings of 6th June 1944.



On 24th July 1944 he was wounded while driving a jeep which had become pinned down under mortar fire at a crossroads just outside Caen, Normandy. Albert, age 24, was brought back to St Martin's hospital in Bath where he died from his wounds on 8th November 1944.

Had he survived, his wounds would have left him paralysed, as his back and internal organs were badly damaged. His funeral was held at St Mary's Church on 13th November 1944.

5382931 Lance Corporal Albert Horace Quainton, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, is buried in St Mary's churchyard. He is remembered in Thame on both Thame and Moreton War Memorials and on the Memorial Board at St Mary's Church.

*The Thame Remembers Cross was placed at his grave on 4th August 2014
by his niece and Thame resident, Rosalie Gibson.*

*** Note on address:**

The family moved from Moreton to live at 46 Queens Road. In the post war renumbering of Queens Road this became No. 4 Queens Road.