



Thame Remembers



Private Albert George Thomlinson

Albert George Tomlinson was born in Rhode Island, USA in 1914 to John William and Alice May Tomlinson (nee Scott). He had four other siblings, an elder brother, John and two younger brothers Lloyd and Gordon and a younger sister Alice Evelyn. The family moved to England in 1921, disembarking at Liverpool on 30th November.

Albert served in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry as a Territorial and then in 1939 joined the 4th Battalion (5381863). The Battalion was sent to France as part of the British Expeditionary Force and took part in the defence of Cassel, Nord. However, the German forces had superior artillery capability and despite intense fighting the 4th found themselves encircled and overwhelmed. Albert and two of his brothers John and Gordon were captured and served as prisoners of war in Stalag VIIIB in Germany. Albert died in hospital in Neisse (now Polish Nysa) during an operation on 20th July 1940, age 26 and was buried in the local cemetery.

Albert is commemorated on the Dunkirk Memorial, Nord, France. He is also remembered on Thame War Memorial, St Mary's Church Memorial Board and on a grave memorial in St Mary's Church yard.

**The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered
to the Dunkirk Memorial
on
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by
Iain and Alison Biddle
Thame residents**

