



Frank Edward Southern

Rank: Lance Sergeant

Service No.: 5386951

Regiment: 7th Bn., Oxford. and Bucks Light Infantry

Residence: 2, Park Lane, Elham

Before Service:

Frank was born 5th April 1914, the son of George and Emma Southern of 1, Braeside Cottages, Elham, Kent. The 1939 Register shows Frank was a Grocer's Assistant and a member of the Elham Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS).

Frank married Jessie Cowell in the June quarter of 1937 at Ashford. They lived at 2 Park Lane, Elham.



Charlie Goldup and Frank Southern in their Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS) Uniforms

He joined the AFS with his friend Charlie Goldup and later enlisted in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

During Service:

Between 17th January 1944 and 18th May 1944, Monte Cassino and the Gustav defences were assaulted four times by Allied troops. Frank was reported missing and it is presumed that he died of wounds.

Died: Wednesday, 16th February 1944. Age 29.

Memorial: CASSINO MEMORIAL, Italy Grave Reference/Panel Number: Panel 8 & Elham War Memorial.

Family:

Frank left a wife and a three and a half year old daughter.