



# Thame Remembers



## Private Joseph Albert Wicks

Joseph Albert Wicks was born in Hayes, Middlesex in 1918 to William Wicks and Celia Martha Wicks née Goddard. He attended Lord Williams's School during the 1930's when his home address is given as Clock House, Cowfold, Sussex.

He served in his local regiment, The Royal East Kent Regiment (The Buffs) as a Private, 6288045. Most likely joining in 1939 when the 5th Battalion was formed as a Territorial Battalion.

The 5th Battalion, the Buffs left for France on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 1940 and arrived in Le Havre the following day. After training at a camp at Fleury Sur Andelle they were taken in 3 ton trucks to the Belgian border to defend against the German advance. They were over-run and many died in the Belgian border area, including Joseph on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1940.

He is buried at Evreux Communal Cemetery, Eure, France and remembered in Thame on Lord Williams's School Memorial Board. In his will, which was proved on 10<sup>th</sup> September 1940, he left his estate of £3,435 to his sister Mary Maud Goddard.



**The Thame Remembers  
Cross was delivered  
to his grave on  
10th June 2015  
by Meg and Graham  
Watson  
Thame Residents**

