



Thame Remembers

Private William Freeman



William Freeman was born on 2nd December 1906, to Henry Freeman and Jane (née Hall) of 3 Chinnor Road, Thame and baptised at St Mary's Church on 27th January 1907. He was a grocer's assistant in January 1932 when he married Ethel Johnson at St Mary's Church, Thame. They went to live at 48 Bailey Road, Cowley, Oxfordshire where they had a son Alan. William was employed at Grimbly Hughes & Co Ltd, grocers in Oxford.

William served in the army in World War Two with the 6th Battalion, Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. In November 1942 the Battalion was with the 36th Infantry Brigade, 78th Division when it landed near Algiers as part of *Operation Torch*. By March 1943 they were in action near Medjez-al-Bab, during the final push to Tunis, which is probably where William, age 36, was wounded. William died of his wounds on 31st March 1943.

5510504 Private William Freeman, Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, is buried in Tabarka Ras Rajel War Cemetery, Tunisia. He is remembered on the grave of his parents in St Mary's churchyard, Thame. His name is to be added to Thame War Memorial.



**The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered
to his grave on
20 July 2018
by
Ian Jones MBE**

