

CAPTAIN EDWARD THOMAS CRUMP

Royal Engineers

Killed in service Thursday 16th January
1944

Born in Hinckley, living in Dunton Bassett
Dunton Bassett Churchyard, Leicestershire
Son of Colonel Edward & Mrs O Crump of
Tong Lodge Burbage

Husband of Elizabeth Crump
Father of Phoebe Oline Crump
Burbage War Memorial
St Catherine's War Memorial
Dunton Bassett War Memorial



Edward Crump was born in Hinckley on 19
January 1904. His father, Edward was the Borough Engineer of Hinckley living
at 23 Mount Road.



23 Mount Road

After his father's distinguished career in WW1, the family moved to Bristol where his father was the chief Engineer. Edward Jnr was educated in Bristol and followed his father's career as a surveyor working for the Ministry of Health In Bristol.

By the mid-1930's, his parents and sister Phyllis had moved back to the area and lived at Tong Lodge, Burbage where his father had a private practice as surveyor and architect. Edward followed securing a surveyors appointment with Leicestershire County Council.



Tong Lodge

Tom as his friends knew him was popular in sporting circles. He played rugby for Hinckley and even when not playing him he never missed a match and would race up and down the lines urging his team on. As a cricketer, he was an enterprising batsman playing for Hinckley Town.

In 1942, he married Miss Elizabeth (Betty) Greenhough of Dunton Bassett where they made their home.



Edward Crump with his wife

He was for some years in the Leicestershire Yeomanry and on the outbreak of war was transferred to the territorial section of the Royal Engineers in which he obtained a commission. In 1943 he was promoted to the rank of Captain, Tom trained in bomb disposal with the The Bomb Disposal Group Battalion Royal Engineers based in London. The average life expectancy in bomb disposal was estimated ten to sixteen weeks. From 1939 - 1945, 55 officers and 339 men were killed, and 3 received the George cross.

Tom survived against the odds and was awarded the British Empire Medal, Military Division on 26 August 1941 for non-combatant gallantry. At Christmas 1943, Tom visited his family and pregnant wife Betty. After returning to London on the 16th January, Tom was killed doing his job of bomb disposal somewhere in London.

His body was brought back from London and rested in the Village Church overnight covered with a Union Jack. The funeral took place the next day and internment in Dunton Bassett Churchyard.



Dunton Bassett Graveyard and War Memorial

Tom's wife gave birth to a daughter Phoebe the following summer. His wife eventually remarried and had a second family, but they never lost their ties with the Crump family and Phoebe remained close to her grandparents. Phoebe died in 2005 and was laid to rest with the father she had never known.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 105
(To be filled in by the Enumerator)

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who (1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule)	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE (last Birthday and SEX).		PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged ten years and upwards.			BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.
		For Infants under one year under the age of "under one month," "one month," etc.	For Males, Females.	Write "Single," "Married," "Widow," or "Widower" opposite the name of the person, and upwards, if less than one year under the age of "under one month," etc.	States, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of— Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7). Children Living. Children Dead.	Personal Occupation. The entry should show the precise branch of the Profession, Trade, Manufacture, &c. If engaged in any Trade or Manufacture, the particular kind of work done, and the Article made or Material worked of, should be clearly indicated. (See Instructions 1 to 8 and Examples on back of Schedule)	Whether Employed, or Working on Own Account. Write opposite the name of each person (1) "Employed," (2) "Working on Own Account," or (3) "Widow" (that is, "Widow" in private employment, or "Widow" in Government, or "Widow" in same rank body, or "Widow" in rank of Captain on back of Schedule)	Whether Working at Home. Write the words "At Home" opposite the name of each person, or "Not at Home" if engaged in any other occupation.			
1 Edward Harold Camp	Head	32	M	Married	8	1	2	0	130	Great Britain	
2 Elizabeth Maud Camp	Wife	30	F	Married	8	3	1	0	Shropshire, Church	British subject by naturalization	
3 Edward Thomas Camp	Son	7	M	Single	8	1	2	0	Great Britain		
4 Mary Ellen Dennis	Servant	17	F	Single				0	Great Britain		
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(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge of this dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (Kitchens, Toilets, or Apartments). Count the Kitchen as a room but do not count sanitary, landing, lobby, closet, bathrooms, or washrooms, closets, etc.

Signature Edward Harold Camp
Postal Address 23 Mount Rd. Hinxley

I certify that—
(1) All the entries on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex column.
(2) I have entered the names of all the persons in the household, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons.
(3) After making the necessary corrections I have completed all entries on this Schedule, and have corrected all errors, such as are apparent to be erroneous.

Initials of Enumerator EH

Total:
Males 2 Females 2 Total 4