



## Captain Edward Thomas Crump

Royal Engineers

Killed in service Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

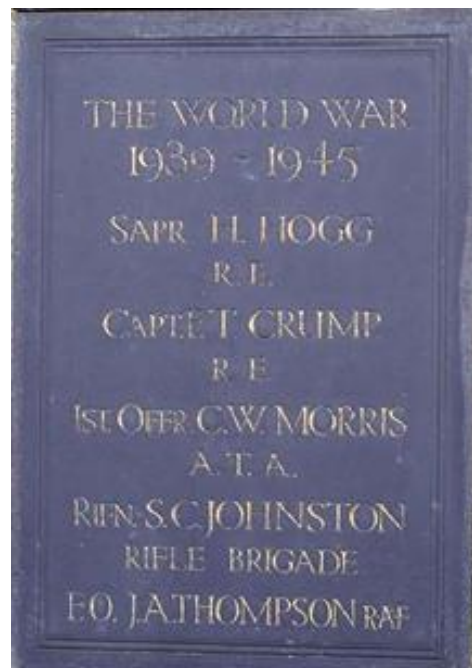


E Edward Crump with his wife

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.