

LANCE – CORPORAL FREDRICK HAROLD HOWKINS
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1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment
Killed in action Wednesday 23rd
August 1944
Age 27
Son of Herbert & Kate Howkins of
Lutterworth, Burbage
Husband of Marguerite Howkins of
Ryton Warwickshire
St.Desir War Cemetery, Calvados,
France
Plot 5 Row D Grave10
Burbage War Memorial
Wesleyan War memorial
St Catherine's Church War Memorial



Fredrick the eldest of the Howkins children enlisted soon after the outbreak of war in the autumn of 1939 leaving his job at Sketchley Dyeworks. His wife Marguerite and small daughter moved to Ryton near Coventry to be near her family.



Sketchley Dyeworks

Shortly after D Day in June 1944, he was sent to France to serve in the final stages of the campaign, in pursuit of the German forces towards the Seine where he was killed on active service.

His parents were the first to hear the news of his death and had to travel to Ryton to break the news to his wife and small child.

Every remembrance day up to the death of his sister May, in 2004, (last surviving sibling), the family would always place a vase of dahlias, Fred's favourite flowers on the Burbage Memorial after the formal wreath laying ceremonies were completed.



St Desir War Cemetery, Calvados