

PRIVATE DENNIS COMER 5891793

5th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment
Killed in action Sunday 29th November 1942

Age 20

Burbage War Memorial

St Catherine Memorial

Hinckley Memorial

Regent Club Memorial

Burbage Congregational Memorial

Massicault War Cemetery, Tunisia

Plot 4 Row Graves 11

Son of Sidney Michael and Mrs Ada Comer.

Husband of Mrs Mary Tamar Comer of Hinckley

140 Edward Street, Hinckley.



Born and educated in Burbage, Dennis was the younger son of Sidney Comer, living on the Long Row, 64 Hinckley Road, Burbage. Before enlisting in January 1942, he was employed at the Engineering Co. on the Watling Street.

On the 8th November 1942, a combined allied force made a series of landings in Algeria and Morocco. The Germans replied by sending a force to Northern Tunisia which checked the advance by early December. Dennis must have been caught up in this first wave of aggression and was killed on the 22nd November.

Dennis left two small daughters the youngest being only 11 weeks old and a young wife Mary (nee Moore). After the war she and her children emigrated to Australia and the Comer family lost contact until 2004. A chance meeting on Remembrance Sunday at Burbage with Brian Simpson of Burbage and Iris the younger sister of the two Comer brothers put the family back in touch.



Massicault War Cemetery, Tunis

Two years after Dennis was killed, his brother was also killed in action in Italy. The Comer family of five children had lost its two sons. The mother Ada never fully recovered and died quite young. The rest of the family split up and some lost contact. Iris (West) the youngest daughter never forgot her two brothers and visited both their graves in Italy and Tunisia before she died in 2008.