

SERGEANT GEORGE HENRY SMITH

Service Number: 4855491

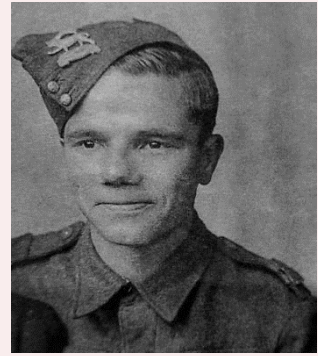
Enlisted: Leicestershire Regiment and later assigned to the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment

Born Tuesday 1st December 1908

Died Sunday 18th March 1945, Aged 36

Memorials: Rangoon Memorial, East Yangon Region, Myanmar. Face 15

Burbage War Memorial



George Henry Smith was born on 1st December 1908 and baptised at St Paul-in-the-Bail's Church, Lincoln on 20th December 1908. By the aged of 2, George was living with his parents Charles and Annie Jane Smith along with his 7 siblings at 13 Union Road, Lincoln.



13 Union Road, Lincoln

Following his education George worked as a labourer until enlisting with the Leicestershire Regiment on 29 August 1929. George was a private and served in India for 6 years between 1930 – 1937. He was transferred to the Army Reserves on 28 July 1937.

George came to live at 7 Flamville Road, Burbage on marriage to Kathleen Meeks in July 1940. Kathleen was the daughter of Archibald and Mabel Ellen Meeks of Burbage.



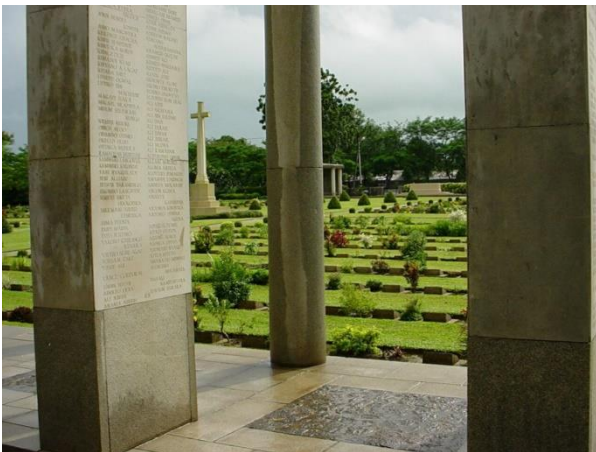
George & Kathleen Smith

As a reservist he would have been one of the first to be mobilized following the declaration of war on 1 September 1939 and was posted to India in December 1943. He was promoted to Corporal in 1941 and later to Sergeant in 1944, also in 1944 he was transferred to the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment.



George Smith (during the time he held the rank of Corporal)

George was initially reported missing and later confirmed as "killed in action" on 18th March 1945, aged 36, whilst serving in Burma (now Myanmar) and is remembered on the Rangoon Memorial.



Rangoon Memorial

No. *D 199557/15*
Effects Form 100 B-2

NOTIFICATION OF DEATH.

CERTIFIED that having regard to such information as is available concerning *No. 485549, Sgt. George Henry Smith, Royal Berkshire Regiment* who was officially reported missing, it has been presumed by the War Office that he died on *Eighteenth March 1945* in *India* while serving with the *Force*.

Dated this *19th* day of *February* 194*6*.

Signed *E. M. Parkinson*
The War Office.

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Notification of Death

Following George's death his wife Kathleen gave birth to a daughter who resides in Burbage.

George was not originally remembered on any UK War Memorial and his name was therefore added to the fallen of World War II on Burbage War Memorial in 2024.

PRESUMED DEAD

Sergt. George Smith

News has been received by Mr Kathleen Smith, of 7 Flamvil Road, Burbage, that her husband Sergt. George H. Smith, who was reported missing in Burma on March 18th, 1945, is now presumed dead.

Sgt. Smith, a regular soldier, had completed his army service nine months before the war broke out, but he was recalled to the colours, going overseas two years last December. He was in the 19th Division. Altogether Sgt. Smith had 17 years army service to his credit. He leaves a widow and an eighteen months old daughter whom he had never seen. Sgt. Smith belonged to a Lincolnshire family.

Army Form W.3040

NO MPB 502 Required

DECEASED CASUALTY CARD 886

ARMY No. 4855491 RANK P/A/SGT SURNAME SMITH
(in block letters)

CHRISTIAN NAMES (in full) George Henry

UNIT 2nd Bn REGT. OR CORPS. THE ROYAL BERTSHIRE REGIMENT

To be completed in pencil—when required

Name MRS SMITH Relationship WIFE
Address 7, FLANKVILE ROAD
of Next of Kin BURBAGE, W HINCKLEY

DATE OF CASUALTY	SOURCE OF INFORMATION	PRESENT LOCATION AND NATURE OF CASUALTY (to include diagnosis)	REF. No. & DATE OF A.F.W. 3016	DATE N. OF K. INFORMED
18/3/45	cable 0269 phone	missing Burma April 5 1945	104-83	10-4-83
29/8/45	29/8/45	104-89 to Records	43014/1009/165/132	7/4/45
18-3-45	104/1009/165/132	ORP.R.M. now presumed	104-83	
15/9/46	15/9/46	Killed in action CASL.CATC Jan 10	104-82A	
21-1-46	21-1-46	89 } D.W. II 43014/1009/165/194	23-1-46	23-1-46
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Casualty Record

