



IN MEMORY OF TROOPER HENRY GORNALL BOYNTON

Royal Armoured Corps.
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SAPPER CHARLES GEOFFREY BOYNTON

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The Boynton brothers mother, Violet Gornall, was born in Yorkshire and married John Henry Boynton who was a gardener and in 1911 they were living in Warwick with 1 year old Henry. They went on to have two daughters, Ellen and Theodocia. John Boynton served in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and was killed in action on the 26th of March 1918.



Henry Boynton



Geoffrey Boynton

In 1941 the unit was mechanised and became part of the Royal Armoured Corps. Henry fought in the North African campaign including the Battle of El Alamein. In 1944 he went to Italy landing at Taranto in May. He was in action many times before being killed on June 15th as his tank supported an advance around the western side of Lake Trasimeno.

Violet moved to Deppers Bridge where she gave birth to a daughter Ethel and then to Ladbroke where Geoffrey as he was always known was born. During the 1930s Violet and her family lived in Binswood End and she ran a sweet shop from her cottage.

Henry became an apprentice at the Eagle Works in Warwick and at age 16 enlisted in the Warwickshire Yeomanry, a part-time unit providing support to the cavalry regiments. The unit was mobilised on September 2nd 1939 and in 1940 went to Iraq and then to Syria.

He is buried in Orvieto War Cemetery.

Geoffrey went to Harbury School and then worked for a firm of builders in Southam. He was called up in February 1942 and went into the Royal Engineers. His unit, the 73rd Field Company, were attached to the Tank Corps and they began training for the invasion of Europe. On the 6th of June 1944 they landed on Gold Beach in Normandy. Geoffrey was part of a platoon of 25 men who landed first to blow up the beach obstacles so the tanks could land. He was killed on the beach and is buried in Bayeux War Cemetery. He died just nine days before his brother.

