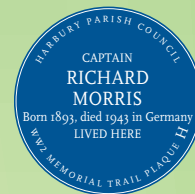




IN MEMORY OF CAPTAIN RICHARD WILLIAM MORRIS



Army Intelligence Corps.

Died in a Prisoner-of-War Camp on 27th March 1943

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Richard Morris was born in Hereford in 1893, one of seven children of Edwin and Ellen Morris. The family moved to Harbury in the 1890s and Edwin worked initially as a shepherd but later worked in the quarry. Richard enlisted in the army after leaving school and, at the outbreak of the First World War, was a private with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and stationed in Malta. He took part in the disastrous Gallipoli campaign and then fought in Palestine. At the end of the war, he was based in Egypt. In 1920 he left the army with the rank of Lance-Sergeant but remained in Egypt where he married Margaritte Zoudanos who was an Egyptian citizen of Greek origin. In 1925 they returned to Harbury for the birth of their only child Ellena, who was born at his mother's home in Ivy Lane.

At the time of the outbreak of the Second World War, Richard was



Richard Morris when serving in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment

the manager of an Egyptian yeast manufacturing company and living in Cairo. He applied to rejoin the army and on his application stated he had an extensive knowledge of Egypt and its people and spoke several languages. In November 1940 he was granted an emergency commission in the Intelligence Corps. In June 1941 he was posted missing in Crete which had been invaded by Germany. His family were eventually notified that he was one of 12,254 allied troops taken prisoner.

Richard was sent to Germany and a camp for officers in Spangenberg Castle in North-East Hesse. Conditions were spartan and he died of pneumonia in March 1943 after nearly two years of captivity. He was initially buried in Spangenberg Cemetery but his grave was moved after the war to Hanover War Cemetery.



Richard's mother, Ellen, outside the family's cottage in Ivy Lane

