

Serjeant JOHN LESLIE BOSTOCK

5247818, 1st Bn., Worcestershire Regiment

who died age 31 on 17 March 1941

Remembered with honour at KEREN WAR CEMETERY



We are dependent on the *CWGC* and the *Register* of 12 April 1941 for information about his death¹.

Sergeant Bostock J. L

News has been received by his sister, Mrs J. Hopkins, of Turner's Court, of the death in action of Sergeant John Leslie Bostock, the son of the late Mr Charles [Edward] and Mrs [Daisy Matilda] Bostock, of Turner's court, Church-street, Tewkesbury.

Sergeant Bostock, who was in The Worcestershire Regiment, was 31 years of age. After leaving Tewkesbury Senior Council school, he was employed by Mr A. Bloxham, butcher, of Church Street, until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he joined the army. He was in China for three years and also served for a long time in Malta.

The database confirms that his father did live in Turner's court and was buried on 30 August 1913 at the Town Cemetery. We can deduce that Sgt. Bostok was a regular soldier and that he was killed in a little-known theatre of war. He is buried in *Eritrea* which today is a disputed part of *Ethiopia* in *East Africa*. In 1941, it was controlled by Mussolini's Fascist Italy but was under assault by British and Indian forces. Sgt. Bostok was killed ten days before the capture of the seemingly impregnable defences on the ridge over the *Keren* pass, which led to the Italian surrender of the local capital, *Asmara*.



¹ Note the difference in the spelling of his name.