

**Private JOHN CHARLES CASH**

13069667, *Pioneer Corps*

who died age 33 on 20 October 1942,

Son of Charles James Cash and Edith Mary Cash, of Tewkesbury;

husband of Marian Norah Cash, of Quinton, Birmingham.

Remembered with honour at the TEWKESBURY CEMETERY

The *Register* of 31 October 1942 recorded that, at least Pte. Cash's life was appreciated in an unexpected quarter:



**THE LATE PTE CASH J.C<sup>1</sup>.: TRIBUTE FROM ENEMY P.O.W**

*The funeral of Pte. John Charles Cash of the Pioneer Corps<sup>2</sup>, whose death as the result of an accident in Scotland, took place at the Congregational Church, Tewkesbury on Saturday. A beautiful collection of flowers included wreaths from the officers of deceased's unit, from the neighbours at Quinton and one from enemy Prisoners of War.*

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cash of Howells Road and was killed in a motor cycle accident in "an endeavour to avoid two pedestrians"<sup>3</sup>. He died of a fractured skull and his funeral service was held in Tewkesbury, at the Congregational Chapel in Barton Street. His widow lived in Quinton with their three bereaved children. Besides Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Cash had two other sons in the armed forces.

Praised by his captive charges; noted how he gave up his life to save others and one of three brothers in the armed forces, brought up in Tewkesbury: **why is his name omitted from those honoured on our War Memorial?**



<sup>1</sup> I am very grateful for "Charles" Cash's nephew, Chris Bayliss, for supply the photograph.

<sup>2</sup> The *Pioneer Corps* comprises soldiers who make way for the army by building roads etc.. as well as guarding POW camps.

<sup>3</sup> *Register*, 24/10/1942.