

**Trooper HAROLD LESLIE HARGRAVES**

7943567, 46th (The Liverpool Welsh), Royal Tank Regiment, R.A.C.

who died age 33 on 28 October 1942

Son of Gilbert Leonard and Ellen Margaret Hargraves;

husband of Doreen May Hargraves, of Hereford.

Remembered with honour at EL ALAMEIN WAR CEMETERY

**Harold Hargraves** was an adopted son of this village; he came to live there because of his career. The Register of 28 November 1942 reported his death:

*Pte. Hargraves<sup>1</sup> H.L.: KILLED IN ACTION*

*The many friends of Private Harold Leslie Hargraves, of the Royal Tank Corps, who before joining the Forces was a member of the staff of the Tewkesbury Branch of Lloyds Bank, will learn with regret that he has lost his life.*

*On Monday last his wife, who is now residing in Hereford, received a communication from the War Office stating that her husband was missing and this was followed .. by a letter from the Chaplain .. informing her that he was killed in action on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Much sympathy will be extended to the widow and her small son.*

*Mr. Hargraves, who was 33 years of age, entered Lloyds Bank on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1927, and came to Tewkesbury from Shrewsbury on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 1935. He joined H.M Forces in July 1941 and, before doing so, resided at Tredington*

Pte. Hargraves, who was serving with the 46th (Liverpool Welsh) Regiment, RTC, was killed five days after the beginning of the successful **Battle of El Alamein** and is buried at that battle's war cemetery. His connections with Hereford were confirmed by Tredington resident, **Mrs. Ruth Stephens**, who found the family on the 1881 census. His father was Gilbert Leonard Hargraves and his widow's maiden name was Woods. His son was called Roger.



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<sup>1</sup> The Register spelled his name *Hargreaves* – I have adhered to the CWGC spelling.