

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. Hargraves¹ 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 28th. 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 2nd August 1927, and came to Tewkesbury from Shrewsbury on the 16th 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.



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