

Private REGINALD RANDOLPH THOMAS HAYNES

5184064, 5th Bn., Gloucestershire Regiment

who died age 20 on 29 May 1940

Remembered with honour at the DUNKIRK MEMORIAL

The *Tewkesbury Register* of 29 June 1940 recorded his death:

Private Haynes R.R.T.

Private Reginald Randolph Thomas Haynes, of 31 Margaret Road Tewkesbury, who was named after his three uncles, each of whom lost their lives in the last Great War, is another who has been reported missing. He is 20 years of age, and married last October, Miss Betty Rudd, of Bushley.

Private Haynes is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alfred Haynes and was educated at the Tewkesbury Abbey Boys School, and later Tewkesbury Grammar School. Upon leaving, he was employed by Messrs. Chapman and Co, in Barton Street Tewkesbury. He is a particularly fine athlete, and prior to the war was Assistant Cub Master of the 2nd Tewkesbury Troop of Boy Scouts, among the members of which he was very popular. His brother Dick, who is two years his junior, is also serving in the Gloucestershire Regiment. His father [Alfred John] served with the Gloucestershire Regiment for 14 years. [His mother was Florence Emily Haynes and his wife was Mabel Elizabeth Haynes, of Prior's Park.]

Because he was killed at Dunkirk, we may suppose that he was in the forces before the war as, at least, a member of the T.A.. We have no photograph of this soldier but the experience of his brother, Richard, as a POW is well recounted in a display at Tewkesbury Museum.

