

**Sapper WALTER E. PORTLOCK**

5188984, Royal Engineers

who died age 26 on 15 November 1941

Husband of Lilian Maud Portlock, of Tewkesbury.

Remembered with honour in TEWKESBURY CEMETERY

**Sapper Portlock's** death was recorded by CWGC and by the Register 22 March 1941, although no photograph was provided:

**DEATH OF SAPPER PORTLOCK.W.J.E.**

*The second<sup>1</sup> Tewkesbury soldier to die during the present war, and to be buried in that part of the Tewkesbury Cemetery set apart for H.M. Forces, is **Sapper Walter Joseph Edward Portlock**, aged 26 years, of 18 East Street, Tewkesbury, who died on Saturday evening at his home. He was a native of Tewkesbury, and was educated at the Abbey Boys School. At 15 years of age he joined the L.M.S. Railway, as a porter at Upton-on Severn, and later became a shunter at Ashchurch. He joined the Gloucestershire Regiment soon after the outbreak of war, and was subsequently transferred to the Royal Engineers. He came home on leave unwell on November the 11<sup>th</sup>, and was taken seriously ill, last Saturday evening. He was attended by two doctors, but he died before the ambulance that was to take him to hospital, arrived.*

Clearly his death was due to ill-health and took place in this country, but other servicemen died in a similar way and were still commemorated.

**His name as added to the War Memorial on Armed Forces Day, 2018**

**We would appreciate a Photograph from the Family - [johnhistory46@btinternet.com](mailto:johnhistory46@btinternet.com)**



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<sup>1</sup> **Sapper Portlock** was actually the ninth Tewkesbury man to lose his life in the war; but he was literally the second to die. However, this is with the benefit of hindsight not available to the *Register*.