

Private GEORGE ALBERT SAVINS

5387117, 2nd Bn., Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment)
who died age 25 on 19 July 1944

Son of Edward and Edith Annie Savins; husband of Kathleen Savins, of Lower Apperley,
Remembered with honour at ST. MANVIEU WAR CEMETERY, CHEUX

We do not have a photograph of **Pte. Savins** perhaps because he was only connected to Apperley by his marriage to Kathleen Flight in May 1944 at Deerhurst Church. However, in a short report, the *Register* recorded that, aged 25, he originated in Oxfordshire.

He is buried in the same cemetery in Normandy as **L/Cpl. Davis** of Twynning but died two weeks later during the long campaign to break out of Normandy six weeks after *D-Day*. We do not know of any family connection with Glasgow but his battalion landed in France on June 13, fighting near the Odon River, south of Caen during *Operation Goodwood* which was a second attempted breakout by General Montgomery.¹



¹ Website: http://www.lightinfantry.org.uk/Regiments/Highland%20LI/high_ww2.htm . The Battalion is not mentioned in Max Hastings: "Overlord" (Pan Books, 1999). He did praise the role of the *15th Scottish Division* in *Operation Epsom* just after they landed.