

Lance Serjeant VICTOR GEORGE TURBERVILLE

5193176, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

who died age 34 on 14 March 1945

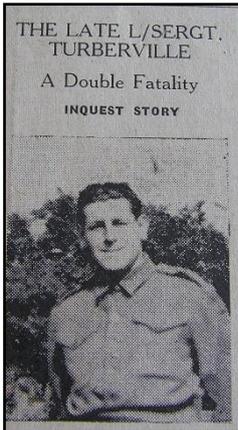
Son of Charles and Julia Turberville, husband of Barbara Kathleen Turberville, of Tewkesbury.

Remembered with honour in TEWKESBURY CEMETERY

It was the *Evesham Journal* of 17 March 1945 which revealed the wasteful cause of death:

L / SERGEANT VICTOR TURBERVILLE KILLED IN ACCIDENT.

On Wednesday evening, Mrs Turberville, of Abbots Road, received an official telegram informing her that her husband L/Sergeant Victor George Turberville, of the R O A C. had been killed in a motorcycle accident, at 10-30 that morning. Sergeant Turberville was 34 years of age, the third and youngest son of Mrs Turberville, of Gravel Walk, Tewkesbury, and the late Mr Charles Turberville.¹ He was educated at the Abbey School, and upon leaving was apprentice to the ironmongery trade, with Mr Walter King. At the time he was called up, about four years ago, he was in the employ of Messrs Healings and Sons, he joined the Gloucestershire Regiment from which he was transferred to the R. O. A. C. Some six years ago he married Miss Barbara Caudle, and there is one little girl.



The Inquest was reported in the Register of 24 March 1943.

A verdict was recorded that Turberville died on March 14th, on the Bawtry-Ollerton Road, Ollerton, of shock from the fracture of the skull, received when, during fog, an army motorcycle he was riding as a pillion passenger, and a motor lorry met, and collided in passing, and he was thrown violently to the ground, the occurrence being accidental. The coroner went on to express sympathy with the relatives of both men, and with the unit in their loss. He added the opinion that no suspicion of blame attached to the lorry driver, who did all in his power to avoid the collision. The funeral took place in Tewkesbury Cemetery, on Saturday. The bearers were deceased's comrades in the Home Guard.

His father, Charles, had been a local volunteer during the Boer War. In 1931 Victor was recorded as attending a political meeting addressed by the M.P. W. S. Morrison in company with one V. Caudle! He was killed, serving with the *Royal Army Ordnance Corps* which specialises in providing munitions.

His mother, Julia, worked as a cleaner at the *Mitton VAH* during World War I and her biography is included in *THS Publication, Tewkesbury's War Hospitals, 1914-1918*



¹ Late *THS* Member, Kathleen Hall, informed me that he was an engine driver on the Tewkesbury Branch Line.