



Thame Remembers



Lance Corporal Ronald James Boiling

Ronald James Boiling was born in Thame in 1925 the son of Edward William and Florence Mary Boiling of 40 Wellington Street, Thame.

He worked for Messrs W W Howland & Son, builders prior to joining the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry in 1943.

He was with the 1st Battalion that landed in France in late June 1944. They were part of Operation Epsom that was intended to take the town of Caen. In August the 1st Btn took part in an advance towards Falaise, known as Operation Totalize which the Allies reached and captured. The battalion also captured Pierrefitte during the operation to close the Falaise pocket, encircling two German armies, one of which was effectively destroyed by the Allies. The victory of the Falaise Pocket signified the end of the battle for Normandy.

Ronald was killed during these operations on 8th August 1944 and is buried at Banneville-la-Campagne War Cemetery, Calvados, France. He is remembered in Thame on the War Memorial and St Mary's Church Memorial Board.



**The Thame Remembers
Cross was delivered
to his grave on
12th June 2015
by Lord Williams's
School students**

**Thomas Higgins, Max
Mordente, Jamie Wiles, Tom
Hutt, Owen Passingham-
Hughes, John Williams and
Kerry Shannon.**

