



Thame Remembers



Private Frederick Ernest Howes

Frederick Ernest Howes was born in Headington, Oxfordshire in spring 1921. His parents were Frederick George Howes and Emily Amelia Howes (nee Merry) who had married in Headington the year before. The family had moved to Thame by 1922 where his sister Freda was born. Two brothers, Leslie (b 1923) and Joseph (b 1927) were also born in Thame, probably at the family home at 9 Horton Avenue, Thame.

Frederick had joined the 2nd (Airborne) Battalion of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry to serve his country during World War 2. The Battalion was rushed to the Ardennes at Christmas 1944 to assist with the defence following the German advance know as "The Battle of the Bulge". The Battalion took part in the Battle for the town of Bure losing many men, following which Private 5389893 Frederick Howes was killed on 9th January 1945.

He is buried in Hotton War Cemetery, Luxembourg, Belgium and is remembered in Thame on the war memorial and on St Mary's church memorial board. He is also remembered on Moreton war memorial.



**The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered
to his grave on
27th August 2015
by
Ruth Pimm
Thame Museum**

