



Thame Remembers

Corporal John Merrick Rudge



John Merrick Rudge was born in Dublin in 1920 where his father Captain Leonard Merrick Rudge MC, MM, was stationed with the 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. His mother was Lilian Maud, (nee King) who was born in Oxford and his grandparents, James and Martha King, lived in Thame but his father Leonard Merrick Rudge MC MM on leaving the army settled near Manchester.

After working as a commercial traveller, living in Stony Stratford, Bucks, he enlisted with the Royal Corps of Signals during WW2 and soon after married Patricia Mary Morris in 1943.

In 1949 he was posted to Hong Kong with 30 Royal Signals, 27 Independent Infantry Brigade HQ, travelling on the troopship Halladale.

In September 1950, the Brigade was the first British army contingent to land in Korea. Corporal Rudge was killed in Korea on the 27th October 1950 serving with the 30 Royal Signals HQ 27 Brigade, at the time the brigade was engaged in the Battle on Chongju.

He is buried in Busan UN cemetery in South Korea and remembered on his grandmother's gravestone at St Mary's in Thame.



**The Thame Remembers
Cross was delivered
to his grave on
22nd April 2015
by
John Thompson
Korean War Veteran
and Thame Resident**

