



Thame Remembers

Private
Harry Phillips



Harry Phillips was born in Thame on the 6th April 1908 to Harry and Eliza Jane Phillips (nee North) . They lived at 36 North Street, Thame. His father worked as an omnibus driver.

Harry worked as a carpenter for Howland Builders at Queens Road, and was married at the age of 29 to Emma Hillsdon (nee White) on 5th February 1938. They had three boys: Michael, Geoffrey and Anthony, and lived at 59 North Street, Thame.

Harry was initially rejected for service as he had a trade but he finally joined the Royal Berkshire Regiment in Chichester. He was taken ill whilst serving in Palestine and on recovering, his unit having moved on, he was placed in the 8th Battalion Manchester Regiment, which in 1943 was fighting with the 8th Army in North Africa. They continued the fighting into Italy, and he was on duty on the front-line in Italy when he was killed on 17th September 1944. "Some shells came over and exploded near him. A splinter hit his head, killing him instantly".

14570236 Private Harry Phillips, Manchester Regiment is buried in Arezzo War Cemetery, Tuscany, Italy. 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
24th May 2015
by
Yvonne Maxwell
Thame Museum

