



**William Alfred Baston
Lance Corporal 316746
48th Divisional Provost Company
Corps of Military Police**

William Alfred Baston was born in the September Quarter of 1910, his birth registered in the Chippenham Registration District. He was the son of John George and Elizabeth Ellen Baston.

The 1911 Census records the family at Ivy House, Lanhill, Chippenham. The family included: John George Baston, Head, 46, Shepherd, born in Black Bourton, Oxfordshire; Elizabeth Helen, Wife, 34, born in Black Bourton, Oxfordshire; Beatrice Ellen, Daughter, 10, born in Blunsdon; Edith Mary, Daughter, 6, born in Blunsdon; Thomas James, Son, 5, born in Fawler, Berkshire; Percival Henry, Son, 3, born in Chippenham; Alfred William, Infant Son, born in Chippenham.

On the 16th December 1929, William joined the Regular Army, joining the Royal Tank Corps for 6 years.

On the 13th February 1936 he was discharged and placed on the Army Reserve List.

On the 2nd November 1939 William was recalled and sent to Aldershot to serve with the Corp of Military Police.

Sometime between 2nd November 1939 and 3rd November 1940 William was posted to Cornwall.

In the June Quarter of 1940 William married Catherine E. Hunt. The marriage was registered in the Swindon Registration District.

William Alfred Baston died on 3rd November 1940 his death is registered in the Bodmin (Cornwall) Registration District. He is buried in Unconsecrated Ground in Grave 681A in Wootton Bassett Cemetery, Wootton Bassett. His headstone bears the inscription "Happy Memories. Cath. Thy Will Be Done.

At the time of his death his widow was residing in Wootton Bassett

William Alfred Baston is commemorated on the Wootton Bassett War Memorial, High Street, Wootton Bassett.



Wootton Bassett Cemetery

