



Edgar W. E. Gifford Staff Sergeant 7607804

Edgar William Ernest Gifford was born in Somerset, his birth registered in the December Quarter of 1910 in the Frome Registration District. He was the son of John Ernest and Bertha Marion Gifford (nee Cole). Edgar was baptised in the Parish Church of All Saints at Rodden, Somerset on the 6th October 1910. His parents were resident at Wallbridge Flour Mills, Rodden where his father was a miller.

The 1911 Census records the family at Wallbridge Mill, Rodden, Frome as:
John Ernest Gifford, Head, Miller and Corn Merchant; 29; born in Nunney, Somerset; Bertha Marion, Wife, 37; born in Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset; Edna Marion, Daughter, Scholar, 6, born in Bristol, Gloucestershire; Luena Isabel, Daughter; Scholar, 5, born in Bristol, Gloucestershire; Bertha Muriel, Daughter, 2, born in Frome, Somerset, Edgar William Ernest, Infant Son, born in Frome, Somerset; Frances Rosina, Cousin, Domestic Help, 27, born Trudoxhill, Somerset.

Edgar married Kathleen Nash in the September Quarter of 1936 and the marriage was registered in the Trowbridge Registration District.

In 1937 the couple were listed in the Electoral Register as resident of 38 Haywards Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

During WWII Edgar joined the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, serving with the 8 Army Field Workshop. He served as Staff Sergeant 7607804.

In the 1939 Register, Kathleen is living with her parents Fred and Georgina Rose Nash at 34 Stallard Street, Trowbridge. Also listed is Rose Freda, sister of Kathleen and there is also an unlocked entry which presumably would be that Edgar and Kathleen's son John who was born in in the June Quarter of 1938, His birth being registered in the Cheltenham Registration District.

Edgar died between the 5th & 6th September 1940 as a result of wounds received before or during the evacuation of troops from Dunkirk. His death is recorded in the New Forest Registration District in the September Quarter of that year.

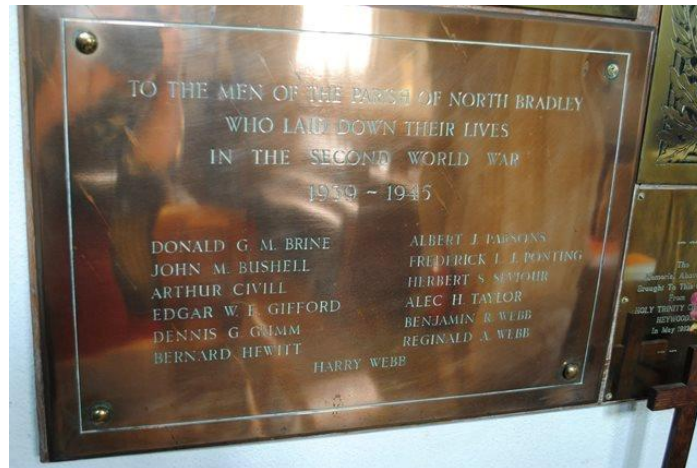


At the time of his death Kathleen was living at Rode in the parish of North Bradley.

Ernest was buried on the 10th September 1940 in St. Nicholas Churchyard, North Bradley in the North West Corner and has a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone. The inscription on the headstone reads:- Rest In Peace In Everloving Memory Your Wife Kathleen and John

An article published in the Wiltshire Times and Trowbridge Advertiser dated 14 September 1940. Records details of his death and a report of his funeral. [published in a separate document].

A probate record records:- Edgar William Ernest Gifford of Appledore, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, died 5th September 1940 at Lyndhurst, Hampshire - Administration was granted at the Winchester Probate Office on 2nd February 1942 to Kathleen Gifford, widow . His effects were £129 10s.



Edgar William Ernest is commemorated on the WWII memorial in St. Nicholas, North Bradley

In the June quarter of 1950, widow Kathleen married Walter H. Dunford, the marriage registered in the Frome Registration District.