

## John William Goodwin



Private 14th Bn., Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)

Service number 14664119

Died on 20 September 1944 Age 30

Buried in the Coriano Ridge War Cemetery

Inscription 'Proud and treasured memories of my darling husband dearest daddy of Valerie' He gave his unfinished life''

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2050048/goodwin,-john-william/>

His parents were John Henry Goodwin and Elizabeth Ann (nee Relf ) whose marriage was registered in Nottingham in the December quarter of 1903.

A son James was born in 1905 the birth being registered in Nottingham during the March quarter.

In 1911 the family were living at 6, Evelyn Street Nottingham.

A second son John W Goodwin was born 13 September 1914. Registered in the Nottingham R D

In 1936 John William married Doris Hardy (born 13 March 1912). At St George's Church Netherfield.

On the 1939 register they were living at number 5, Co-operative Crescent, Carlton (now Acacia Crescent). John's occupation is listed as a 'Timber merchant's lorry

driver, heavy works'. He worked for Bitterlins based on Trent Lane. Doris' occupation is listed as a 'Cotton clearer'

Their daughter Valerie A was born in 1942 the birth being registered in Nottingham in the June quarter of that year.

John William joined the army in August 1943, after initial training in the infantry he was assigned to the Sherwood Foresters and stationed in Yarmouth before embarking for Italy in March 1944

He died on 20 September 1944, in the fighting at the Coriano Ridge which was the last important ridge in the way of the Allied advance, in the Adriatic sector of Italy in the autumn of 1944.

For information and photographs of the Cemetery please see

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2162424/coriano-ridge-war-cemetery>

His death was reported in the Nottingham Journal on 11 October 1944

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John's death was also reported in the South Notts Echo on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1944

**Forester Killed In Italy**  
Yet another local resident has lost his life in the service of his country. He is Pte. John William Goodwin whose home is at 5, Co-operative crescent, Carlton. He was killed in action on September 20 while fighting with the Sherwood Foresters in Italy. The sad news was received last Tuesday by his wife (Mrs. Doris Goodwin).  
Pte. Goodwin had only been in the Army since August, 1943. He received his preliminary infantry training at a depot in this country, and was then stationed at Yarmouth. It was in March of this year that he was first sent to Italy.  
For a time he fought with the 5th Army, but received shrapnel wounds in both legs the night before they entered Rome. He was sent down to a base hospital, but as soon as he recovered was sent back into the fighting lines.

Born in Eve'yn-street, Nottingham 30 years ago, "Bill," as he was affectionately known by all his friends, came to live in Carlton eight years ago. He was married at St. George's Church, Netherfield, to Miss Doris Hardy, of 17, Cooper-street.  
There is one daughter (Valerie).  
Prior to joining the Services, Pte. Goodwin was employed as a driver by Bitterlings, Ltd., of Nottingham. As a boy he was a member of the choir of St. Alban's Church, Nottingham. He had also served a period in the Home Guard before being called up for military service.

## The Supreme Sacrifice



J. W. (BILL) GOODWIN

GOODWIN.—Killed in action in Italy,  
September 20, aged 30 years. Dearly  
loved husband of Doris and darling  
daddy of Valerie.

To the world he was only one,  
To us he was all the world.

—Broken-hearted Wife and Baby  
Valerie (Carlton).

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