

## Reginald Hallam



Serjeant 268 Field Coy. Royal Engineers

Service number 2124359,

Died on 25 September 1943 Age 33

Memorial Gedling Cemetery, Arnold Lane Gedling.

Inscription 'To have, to love, to lose, and when God wills to find.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2702887/hallam,-reggie/>

Son of Robert and Edith (nee Jephson.) Hallam; married in 1909 the marriage registered Basford R D in the December quarter of that year.

Reginald was born on 15 May 1910 in Lambley (in Basford Registration District)

On the 1911 census Robert Edith and Reginald are living in Lambley with Robert's family. Robert's occupation being listed as a blacksmith

*Reginald's parents, Robert and Edith Hallam moved to Roe Lane Cottage Woodborough c1917 which is at the rear of the Institute where his mother ran the shop at the front and his father, who was a blacksmith, at the rear of the same premises. Reginald was the eldest of four children*

From <https://www.woodborough-heritage.org.uk/warmemww2.html>

Reginald married Annie Instone in 1930 registered in the Basford Registration District in the December quarter

On the 1911 census the Instone family are living on Lyncroft in Eastwood but by 1923 they had moved to Carlton living at 9 Westdale Lane (where 'Phil's Plaice' is today) Annie's father Thomas later purchased land in Westdale Crescent and moved there c1926.

On the Electoral Register for 1930 Annie's parents Thomas and Sarah Ann Instone live in 'Holly Cottages, Westdale Crescent, their son Thomas Richard and Minnie Instone live in 'Hill View' Westdale Crescent, and other son William and Doris May Instone live in 'Ashleigh' Westdale Crescent.

On the 1939 Register The address for Thomas and Sarah Ann Instone is 'The Bungalow' Westdale Crescent.

When first married, Reginald and Annie were living with her parents at 'Holly Cottages' Westdale Crescent (ER 1931) They later moved to Suffolk.

Reginald and Annie had 3 children

Rita A birth registered in the Basford Registration District in the June quarter of 1931

Reginald Trevor whose birth was registered in the Lothingland (Suffolk) RD in the December quarter of 1935. He died the following year registered in the December quarter.

Thomas R birth registered in the Lothingland (Suffolk) RD in the December quarter of 1937.

In 1939 Reginald and Annie are living in Lowestoft. In 'the Grange' on Grange Road. His occupation is recorded as an insurance agent.

After this Reginald is likely to have been called up when conscription was introduced on the outbreak of war. He ended up in 268 Field Coy. Of the Royal Engineers.

He was building Bailey bridges at Burnham Beeches in Buckinghamshire. A Bren carrier crossing the river was not properly secured, it rolled back, and Reginald was knocked unconscious and drowned.

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Reginald died on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1943 and his funeral; was held in All Hallows Church, Gedling on September 30<sup>th</sup> 1943. He was laid to rest in Gedling Cemetery.





His headstone is inscribed

*To have, to love, to lose and when God wills to find*

Annie had moved back to Carlton, to Westdale Crescent presumably to be near to her family.

Reginald Hallam is also remembered in Woodborough Village memorial.

Probate was granted to his brother in law William Instone in 1944.

*HALLAM, Reggie of 'Oakleigh' Westdale Lane Carlton Nottinghamshire died 25 September 1943 on war service. Probate Nottingham 5 January (1944) to William Instone ARP worker. Effects £504 4s 8d*

The following year his family placed notices in the 'IN MEMORIUM' column of the Nottingham Journal on Monday 25 September (1944)

IN MEMORIUM

HALLAM Reg (Sgt Royal Engineers)

Killed Sept 25 1943. Treasured memories of my darling husband, dear daddy of Rita and Tommy. Unseen by the world, he walks by my side and whispers my darling death cannot divide.

HALLAM Reg (Sergt. R. E.) – Killed Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1943. We always remember you smiling.- Albert Lily and Sheila.

Photograph of Reginald - Courtesy his granddaughter, Jill Cox