

Vernon Philip Roadley



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Sergeant 5th Bn., Northamptonshire Regiment

Service number 5887466

Died on 08 April 1943 Age 24

Memorial Medjez-El-Bab War Cemetery

Inscription 'No morning dawns no evening falls but we think of you, our pal. Mother and Dad'

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2813134/VERNON%20PHILIP%20ROADLEY/>

Vernon Philip Roadley was the son of Thomas Albert and Ruth Kathleen Roadley, of Carlton, Nottinghamshire. Thomas Albert Roadley married Ruth Kathleen Hurst in the Mount Tabor Chapel Long Eaton in 1914, registered in Long Eaton RD in the December quarter.

Vernon Philip was born on 21 February 1919, registered in Shardlow RD -Long Eaton was in Shardlow RD. The family later moved to Netherfield and lived at 120 Victoria Road. c1925-1931 (Eng and Wales ER 1920-1932)

By the time that the 1939 register was taken they were living at 'Apna Ghar', Darley Avenue Carlton

Thomas A - born 18/9/1890 Occupation - Grocery and Provision Branch Manager

Ruth K. – Born 27/1/1892 Occupation – ARP Full Time Warden - Carlton UDC

Vernon P. – born 27/2/1919. Occupation – Grocery and Provision Charge Hand.

Vernon was probably called up (conscripted) in 1941, at some point he joined the 5th Bn., Northamptonshire Regiment This regiment saw extensive service in France, Tunisia, Sicily and Italy before ending the war in Austria.

The battalion left the United Kingdom on 16 October 1942 and deployed to French North Africa where it took part in Operation Torch, (the Allied Invasion of North Africa) landing in Algeria on 9 November 1942. It took part in actions at the Tebourba Gap (1– 10 December 1942) Oued Zarga, (7 – 15 April 1943), the Medjez Plain (23 – 30 April), and the final battle for Tunis (5 – 12 May).

Vernon was killed on 8 April 1943.during the fighting at Oued Zarga which is 80 km to the west of Tunis.

His death was recorded in the Nottingham Evening Post on 22 April 1943.

LOCAL WAR CASUALTIES

--- *Sergt. Vernon Philip Roadley of Darley Avenue. Carlton, has been killed in North Africa ---.*

He is buried in the Medjez-El-Bab War Cemetery Tunisia.

For photographs and details of this War Cemetery please see the website

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2225062/medjez-el-bab-war-cemetery>



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Probate was granted to his father

Probate 1945

ROADLEY Vernon Philip of Apna Ghar, Darley Avenue Carlton Nottinghamshire died 8 April 1943 on war service. Administration (with will) Nottingham 2 November to Thomas Albert Roadley Grocers manager. Effects £150 14s 1d.