


Service Record

<p>5889857</p>	<p>Private Walter Redvers Cowling (military records show given names reversed)</p>	<p>1st Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment</p>	
<p>Roll of Honour</p> <p>Campaign</p>	<p>Died June 27th 1944, Battle of Imphal and Kohima , aged 31 Commemorated Imphal War Cemetery, Manipur, North East India Grave reference: Coll. Grave 5. B. 16-20</p> <p>8th March to 18th July 1944 Battle of Imphal and Kohima. Included siege of Imphal by the Japanese. Decisive Japanese defeat in North East India and a springboard for the 14th Army to reconquer Burma (previously lost to the Japanese in 1942). Imphal was the place where India was defended from the Japanese after they took Burma. Airfields were defended to use to retake Burma. In 1942 Commonwealth forces and 400,000 refugees had retreated to Imphal when Burma was taken.</p>		
<p>1st Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment</p>	<p>Fought in Burma and India throughout WW2. The Japanese army occupied Burma (now Myanmar) in 1942, the British retreating to and reinforcing Manipur in north-east India. The Japanese attacked in the Spring of 1944 and the battle of Imphal lasted until June 22, 1944, when the Japanese siege was lifted.</p>		

Family history etc

	Walter Redvers Cowling	
1913	Born in Bingham	
1939 Register	Cottage next door to the Chesterfield Arms, Church Street, Bingham: Walter R Cowling b. 29 May 1913, Single Tom B Cowling b. 13 Jun 1878, Married Emma Cowling b. 11 May 1878, Married John W Cowling b. 25 Feb 1902, Single Annie Cowling (Darby) b. 08 Feb 1912, Single Phyllis M Cowling (Millard) b. 07 Jan 1917, Single Albert E Cowling b. 19 Jun 1919, Single	Horseman on Farm (Heavy worker) Horseman on Farm (Heavy Worker) Unpaid domestic duties Horseman on Farm (Heavy Worker) Shop Assistant, Departmental Store, Woolworth Shop Assistant, Departmental Store, Woolworth Horseman on Farm (Heavy worker)
Family	In January qtr 1902 Father: Thomas Bonsell Cowling and Mother: Emma Ward, married in Whittlesey Son: Walter Redvers Cowling b. June 1913	
Father's family 1911 Census	Living in Eastwell, Leics: Father: Tom Bonsell Cowling b. 1878 Whittlesey, Cambs Mother: Emma Cowling b. 1878 White Fen Benwick, Cambs Father: John William Cowling b. 25 February 1902, Coates, Whittlesey Father's Siblings: Florence May Cowling b. 1903 Coates, Whittlesey Tom Bonsell Cowling b, 1905, Popler Lot, Whittlesey Ruben George Cowling b. 1906, Coates Whittlesey Lucy Louisa Cowling, b. 1908, Harby, Leics Percy Cowling b. 1909, Eastwell, Leics	Waggoner on a farm School School School School
1901 Census Father's family	Thomas Bonsall Cowling living in Kingsland, Whittlesey as boarder with William and Elizabeth Ward (his future wife's parents)	Horse keeper on farm
Father's family 1891 Census	Thomas living at Coates, Whittlesey with His parents John and Maria And sister Sarah,	Paralysed for 20 years
Father's family 1881	Angle Bridge Road, Glassmoor, Whittlesey Grandfather: John Cowling, b. 1835 Ramsey, Hunts Grandmother: Maria, b. 1832 Ellington Hunts	Agricultural labourer

Census	Seven siblings plus Father: Thomas Bonsall, Cowling, b. b. 1878, Whittlesey, Camb Plus two lodgers	
Mother's family 1911 census	Coates, Whittlesey Grandmother: Elizabeth Ward, widow George , age 17	Charwoman Agricultural labourer
Wife's family 1901 census	Living in Farmhouse, Kingsland, Whittlesey Grandfather: William Ward Grandmother: Elizabeth Ward Emma Plus three siblings Boarder: Tom Bonsall Cowling	Farm Foreman General servant (domestic) Farm Horseman
Mother's family 1891 census	Living at Kingsland, Whittlesey Grandfather: William Ward Grandmother: Elizabeth Ward Emma Caroline E Plus eight siblings	Agricultural Labourer Agricultural labourer Agricultural labourer NOTE those old enough were also agricultural labourers
Mother's family 1881 census	Living at Whittlesey Grandfather: William Ward b. 1841 Farcet Hunts Grandmother: Elizabeth Ward b. 1851 Benwick, Cambs Mother: Emma, b. 11 May 1878 White Fen Benwick, Cambs Caroline E, b. 11 May 1878 White Fen Benwick, Cambs Plus six siblings	Agricultural Labourer NOTE Emma and Caroline were twins
Later records	(Father) Thomas Bonsall Cowling died Jan qtr 1968 Newark district aged 89 (Mother) Emma Cowling died 15 th April 1978 in Moorlands, Moor Lane, Bingham, £676 (Brother) Albert Edward m. Victoria E Emery in Oakham oct qtr 1972 (Brother) Albert Edward d. Oct 1997 in Rutland (Brother) Tom Bonsall Cowling m. Hannah M Morley Bingham Apr 1934	