



Service Record

Signalman HERBERT DAVIS



Royal Corps of Signals



<p>Roll of Honour</p>	<p>Died March 3rd, 1945, age 25. Commemorated Bingham Cemetery. Number of grave space 889</p> <p>Herbert C Davies Entry number 1359 Male aged 25 Place where death occurred – 26 Tythby Road, Bingham Buried March 7th 1945</p> <p>Interred with his parents: Frederick Cecil Davies, aged 56 Died 21st June 1953 Florence Annie Davies age 73 Died 17th April 1971</p> <p>Davis died in Bingham of pulmonary tuberculosis. His death certificate lists him as an army pensioner, formerly of the Royal Corps of Signals and as a Builder's Labourer (Airfield Construction).</p>		
<p>Royal Corps of Signals</p>	<p>Herbert Davis was called up in 1939, aged 19 and became a driver in the Royal Corps of Signals. He saw service in Italy, Sicily and North Africa. In Tunisia he fell ill, first with pneumonia and subsequently TB. He was invalided back to the UK and arrived at the Berkhamsted Military Hospital on August 13, 1944. His parents having been advised that there was no hope of recovery, he was allowed to return to the family home shortly before Christmas 1944 and it was there that he died. (Source: interview with sister, Mrs Lilian Brown, 20/12/2019)</p>		<p>Inscription:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IN EVER LOVING MEMORY OF HERBERT CECIL DAVIS DIED 3RD MARCH 1945, AGED 25 YEARS IT IS A SOLDIER'S HONOUR TO DIE AT HIS COUNTRY'S CALL BUT IT'S HARD TO THINK OF THE GLORY WITH THE SORROW IT BROUGHT TO US ALL. WE SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU SMILING</p>

Family history etc

	<p>Herbert Cecil Davis</p>		
<p>1920</p>	<p>Born in Nov 24th 1919, Eton Bucks</p>		
<p>1939 Register</p>	<p>26 Council Houses Tithby Road. Frederick Cecil Davis, b. 15 Apr 1896, Married</p>	<p>Motor Driver Mechanic – Chauffeur to Dr Croft (interview</p>	

	<p>Florence Annie Davis, b. 07 Nov 1896, Married Herbert Cecil Davis, b. 24 Nov 1919 <i>1 Closed record</i> Lilian Rosemary Davis (Brown) b. 26 Feb 1925, Single <i>2 Closed records</i></p>	<p>with sister) Unpaid Domestic Duties Joiner's labourer <i>Rachael</i> At School <i>George Frederick and Prunella</i></p>	
Family	<p>December qtr 1918 Father, Frederick Davis, married mother, Florence Annie Brooks, in Bradfield Berkshire Dec qtr 1918 (2c 971) Children: <i>(Names clarified by Herbert's sister Lilian, now Brown.)</i> Herbert C Davis, b. Eton, Bucks November 14th 1919 Rachael Davis, b. Windsor Berks 1921 qtr (2c 837) Lilian R Davis, b. Watford Hertfordshire March qtr 1926 (3a 1254) George Frederick Davis b. Chertsey Sept. qtr 1930 (2a 147). Prunella M Davis, b. June 1939 qtr Bingham (6b 678)</p>		
1911 Census Father's family	Record not traced	<p><i>Mrs Brown tells us that her father Frederick had three siblings: Percy, Hilda and Eddie.</i></p>	
1901 Census Father's family	Record not traced		
1911 census Wife's family	<p>Florence Brooks living at Hodmore, Mapledurham, Oxon (reg district Bradfield)with: Grandfather: George Brooks, b. 1859 Bradfield Grandmother: Agnes Brooks, b. 1863 Mapledurham Siblings: William Henry Rose Amelia Ethel Alfred</p> <p>George Alf Sam Lucy</p>	<p>Farm Labourer</p> <p>Bricklayer's labourer Carman Builders School School School School</p> <p><i>Additional names supplied by Mrs Brown</i></p>	

Florence - Birth and death certificates	Birth registration for Florence: Bradfield, 7 November 1897 2c 332 Death registration for Florence: Nottingham Jun1971 qtr 3c 860 (born 7 November 1897)	
	Lilian Rosemary Davis married Norman Brown in Bingham June qtr 1943 7b 105	They had a son Norman Brown b. Bingham Sept qtr 1944 7b 809