

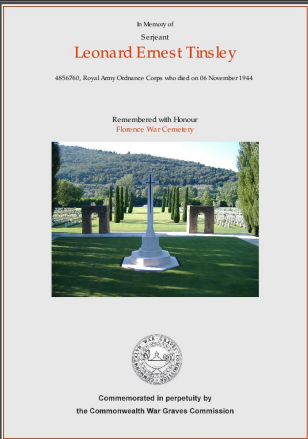


Service Record

4856760	Sergeant LEONARD ERNEST TINSLEY	Royal Army Ordnance Corps 1st Battalion the Leicestershire Regiment	
	<p>Although Tinsley was serving in the RAOC at the time of his death, he is also recorded on the Army Roll of Honour as having served in the Royal Leicestershire Regiment. His marriage certificate (October 14th, 1939) places him as a member of the 1st Battalion which, in 1939, was stationed in India. It moved to Penang in February 1941, at which point Tinsley was transferred.</p> <p>A career soldier, the records of the Royal Leicestershire regiment contain the following information:</p> <p>Biography: Enlisted 10.10.1932 in the Regular Army Leicestershire Regiment for 7 years service and 5 in reserve. Transferred to Pioneer Corps 15.2.1941.</p> <p>We do not, at present, know at what point he was further transferred to the RAOC.</p>		

Roll of Honour	<p>Died November 6th 1944, age 30. Buried [Commemorated] at FLORENCE WAR CEMETERY Grave reference: IV. J. 16.</p>	
RAOC	<p>During the Second World War the RAOC expanded rapidly from a few hundred officers and a few thousand men to 8,000 officers and 130,000 men in the space of four years. Units were created at divisional and corps level in response to the need for greater mobility than hitherto.</p> <p>After the fall of Rome on 4th June 1944, the Germans started to fall back along defensive lines going northwards. By September the 8th Army had broken through the Gothic Line in the Po Valley, but deteriorating winter weather slowed operations to a crawl. Pro-Ally Partisans provided support with sabotage and identifying air targets. A German counter-offensive was repulsed in the winter but it became a static front till 9th April 1945, when the Allies broke through.</p>	

Family history etc

	Leonard Ernest Tinsley	
1914	Born in Kinoulton, Bingham RD, 8 th March 1914	
1939 Register	Spring Hill, Colston Bassett Reuben Tinsley, b. 28 Nov 1887, Married Dora Tinsley, b. 02 Feb 1890, Married	Farm Labourer unpaid domestic duties

	Richard Tinsley, b. 16 Mar 1923, Single 3 closed records Clarence Tinsley, b. 10 Mar 1932, Single	general labourer plaster works, Gotham school
1939	Leonard married Elsie Lynn Whitehead at Bingham parish Church 14 th October 1939 Son Terence J Tinsley, b. Bingham June qtr 1943 7b 774	
1939 Register	6 Long Acre Row, Bingham John Whitehead, b. 24 Dec 1882, married Mabel E Jarvis (Hill), b. 29 Nov 1887, widowed William John Philips, b. 13 Mar 1839, married Henry Cosgrove, b. 19 May 1898, married	Chimney Sweep and general labourer Machinist (Hosiery) Contractors Plasterer Contractors Plasterer
1939 Register	Newgate St , Bingham Maud Whitehead, b. 11 Sep 1883, married Closed record Elsie Whitehead (Tinsley, Goddard), b. 9 Jun 1921, single Bill Whitehead, b. 29 July 1925, single	Charwoman and home duties Laundry clerk, Nottingham Coop Society Public works errand and mash boy
Note	We have not established why John and Maud lived in separate houses in 1939.	
Family	Father Reuben Tinsley married mother Isadora Storer, Nottingham Sep qtr 1911 Children: Leonard Ernest b. 1914 Richard Tinsley, b. 16 Mar 1923 Clarence Tinsley, b. 10 Mar 1932	
Note	Elsie L Tinsley married James L Goddard in Bingham December qtr 1945 – approximately one year after Leonard’s death.	
1911 Census Father’s family	3 Chelsea St, Bulwell, Nottingham Grandfather: Thomas Tinsley, b. 1856 Long Clawson, Leicestershire Grandmother: Sarah Ann Tinsley, b. 1869 Sauston Cambridgeshire Father: Reuben Tinsley, b. 1888 Long Clawson Leicestershire Father’s siblings: Elsie George Tinsley, b. 1902 Hyson Green Notts Susan Lavinia Carmichael, b. 1889 Bagnall Notts Father’s brother in law: Ernest Carmichael, 1886 Hyson Green Notts	Bricklayers Labourer Seaman Royal Navy 1906-1921 Service No. SS1266 school Lace Mender Brass Finisher
1911 Census Mother’s family	Maternal grandfather: Richard Storer, b. 1839, Cromford, Derbyshire Maternal grandmother: Isadora Storer, b. 1869, Nottingham Mother: Isadora Storer b. 2 February 1890, Nottingham	Agent Sheffield Cutlery Housekeeper Machinist hosiery
1911 Census	Newgate St. Bingham	

Wife's family	Wife's Grandfather: John Whitehead, b. 1883, Bottesford Wife's Grandmother: Maud Whitehead (née Parker), b. 1884, Bingham Wife's father: John Whitehead , Married, age 28, b. 1883 Wife's sisters: Maude Whitehead, Married, age 27 b. 1884 Bingham Jim Whitehead, age 1, b. 1910, Bingham	Chimney Sweep John and Maud married 1907 Bingham Served in RE WW1
From the registers	Reuben died in Nottingham in 1972. Isadora died in Bingham in 1957 Elsie died in Nottingham in 1954	