




<p><b>Staff Sergeant Corps of Royal Mechanical and Electrical Engineers (Reme)</b></p> <p><b>7600534</b></p>	<p><b>Charles Pickard Morris</b></p>	<p><b>Station Street</b></p>	<p><b>Source: Returning Forces Fund/additional information supplied by family.</b></p>
<p>Born</p>	<p>Branston near Grantham/Melton Mowbray 10 June 1914</p>		
<p>War Service</p> <p>[Information kindly supplied by Morris family]</p>	<p>REME</p> <p>See detailed family accounts in sections below.</p>	 <p>Photo courtesy of David Morris</p>	
<p>Enlisted</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> July 1939 army recruitment office, Trinity Square, Nottingham</p>		
<p>Training</p>	<p>Sent to Catterick for a few days training then two days travel to Newport by road (stopped and slept in the church chancel at Lutterworth). From Newport posted to France by boat. Newport to Nantes, Brittany, billeted in tents in grounds of a chateau. Unloaded commercial vehicles (commandeered from England) off the boats.</p>		
<p>September 1939</p>	<p>In France 10 days after the outbreak of the war then out of France just after Dunkirk evacuation of France (June 1940). Back to England from Breast to Aldershot for a refit of vehicles etc. (Leave to visit Bingham).</p>		

North Africa	<p>Posted out to North Africa on troopship 'Stirling Castle' via South Africa, called into Freetown for water and supplies, up Red Sea to Port Said at end of Suez canal.          Joined the Recovery Section. (Part of the 8th Army).</p> <p>Went to Alexandria, Tobruk and Benghazi (was given a map reference and with a sun compass had to work out the position to locate a vehicle requiring recovery, slept in vehicles under the stars, was once shot at by a plane).</p> <p>Had acute tonsillitis and dysentery, went into hospital in Alexandria then sent back to base at Tel-el-Kebir.</p>	
Middle East	<p>Captain Fox (later Major Fox) met at base camp and set up school of instruction on recovery in the Lebanon near Tripoli. Leave was due, back to base but no boat home available. Became a staff sergeant, delivery of new vehicles. Was bitten by a mosquito and contracted malaria - very ill, then back to base and hospital in Tel-el-Kebir, then boat from Port Said back to England (war still on, went through the Med, safe, long leave for 1 month).</p>	
Demobilisation	<p>Posted to Leicester working in workshops until demobbed. In the last month could learn a trade and learnt welding which he also pursued at high school.          Demobbed 11th December 1945.</p>	
	<p>Certificate of Transfer into Reserves 9th March 1946.</p>	
War Medals	<p>The 1939 - 1945 Star          The Africa Star          The Defence Medal - 1939-1945          The War Medal 1939 -1945</p>	
Father's family Censuses 1911, 1891	<p>Living at Saxondale, Bingham          Grand Father: Hodgkinson Morris, b 1858 Tollerton          Grand Mother: Jane Elizabeth Morris (née Strong), b 1838 Bingham          Father's Siblings:          William H, b. 1877 Tollerton          Margaret Ellen Morris, b. 1881 Saxondale          Mary Kathleen, b. 1883 Saxondale          Hilda Lizzie, b. 1887 Saxondale  <b>Charles Thomas Morris , b. 1891 Saxondale</b>          John Edward Morris, b. 1892 Saxondale</p>	<p>Farmer, employer</p> <p>Dairy work          Dairy work          Drapery Shop Assistant          Farmer's son working on farm</p>

	<p>Frederick George Morris, b. 1894 Saxondale  Niece: Florence Morris, b. 1904 Nottingham  Servant: Clare Parnham, b. 1894 Langar</p>	<p>Farmer's son working on farm; Farmer's son working on farm  General servant, domestic</p> <p>NOTE: William H Morris was butcher on Long Acre. His son was still at 21 Long Acre in 2021.</p>
<p>Mother's Family  Census 1911</p>	<p>Holme Pierrepont, Radcliffe on Trent  Arthur Joseph Pembleton, step father, b 1861 Arnold  Emily Pembleton (nee Pickard), b 1860 Radcliffe on Trent  Emily Mary Pickard, step daughter, b. 1886 Holme Pierrpoint  Sarah Elizabeth Fish, m, step daughter private means  Arthur Vernon Fish, step grandson, b. 1903  Doreen Mary Fish, step granddaughter  Aileen Fish b1909 step granddaughter</p>	<p>Hosier</p> <p>NOTE: AJP - Framework Knitter, died 1945 in Leicester at 6 Framework Knitters Homes, Oadby, where he was Resident Warden.</p>
<p>Charles Thomas  [information courtesy of family]</p>	<p>1918 Farm Manager, Newton  1929 Farm Bailiff, Branston  Father had ill health (asthma), went to Holm Farm, Radcliffe-on-Trent, then back to Newton, father ill health, moved to Bingham in 1924 and set up a confectionary shop at <a href="#">No 6 Station Street</a>, Bingham.  1929 - Father entered hospital for an operation for polyps but had a weak heart and did not survive. (Died 26th July 1929).</p>	
<p>Parents</p>	<p>Charles Thomas Morris, b. 1889 Saxondale  Emily Mary Pickard, b. 1885 Nottingham  Children:  <b>Charles Pickard Morris</b> 1914  John Pickard Morris born 29 July 1919</p>	
<p>Charles Pickard Morris  [information courtesy of family]</p>	<p>1928 – Charles P. left school and went to work for Alec Fletcher at a garage in Bingham.  1932 – Charles P. went to work in Nottingham, St Marks Street garage then he went to Mablethorpe to Jim Russell, race horse trainer, looked after vehicles and went to race courses driving a horse box.  1938 - Charles joined supplementary reserves (later Territorials) paid</p>	

	retainer. Called up from Mablethorpe and enlisted in Nottingham 3rd July 1939.		
1939 Register	Station Street, Bingham Emily M Morris, b.28 April 1890, widow Morris John P b. 29 July 1919, single Sybil (later Hopcraft), single b. 26 Oct 1916	Confectioners shop keeper Motor Mechanic Elementary School teacher	NOTE: Charles already enlisted and therefore not on 1939 register John called up after 1939.
Post War information courtesy of family]	11th December 1945 Charles demobbed and returned to Bingham. 1946 - Charles was offered a partnership with Les Tucker at the garage in Bingham. May 1946 started going out with Sybil Mary Browne, (born 1922). 1947 Mother (Emily Mary Morris) died on 21st February 1947. April 1947 Charles and Sybil were engaged and married in September 1947 Lived at the sweet shop, Station Street, Bingham. 1950 (August 17th) Susan Mary was born. 1954 (June 21st) David Charles was born.		
Died	10 June 1990 Nottingham	Living in Cherry Street, Bingham	