

## James Ernest Bainborrow

James was known to his friends as Jimmy, and as Ernest in school. He lived in Scots Row, Fenton where the flats now are sited with his grandmother and uncle. He was the stepson of Charles Winn and the son of Olive Winn (formerly Bainborrow) of Market Rasen. He served as Private 4802834 in 9th (Queens Own Yorkshire Dragoons) Battalion, Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He died 10th May 1943 aged 20 and is commemorated on the Enfidaville War Cemetery V111.F.2.

### Historical Information

In May 1943, the war in North Africa came to an end in Tunisia with the defeat of the Axis powers by a combined Allied force.

The campaign began on 8 November 1942, when Commonwealth and American troops made a series of landings in Algeria and Morocco. The Germans responded immediately by sending a force from Sicily to northern Tunisia, which checked the Allied advance east in early December. Meanwhile, in the south, the Axis forces defeated at El Alamein were withdrawing into Tunisia along the coast through Libya, pursued by the Allied Eighth Army. By mid April 1943, the combined Axis force was hemmed into a small corner of north-eastern Tunisia and the Allies were grouped for their final offensive.

The Eighth Army attack on the position at Enfidaville on 19 April captured the village, but strong resistance meant no further progress was possible. Attacks further north met with greater success and Tunis fell on 7 May, Bizerta on the 8th. By 11 May, the position at Enfidaville was surrounded and resistance ceased on the following day.

Most of those buried at Enfidaville War Cemetery died in the final battles from March to the beginning of May. The cemetery contains 1,551 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War, 88 of them unidentified.