



COOK, ERIC ALFRED JOHN

Private Gloucestershire Regiment

Date of Death: 27/08/1946

Service No: 14166271

Aged 18, born 21/4/1928



He was one of six soldiers under training, who were drowned on the gravel pits at Fingringhoe during an exercise. See "Accident at Fingringhoe". He was the eldest son of Alfred Henry Cook and Ellen Lillian Bennett. They lived at 2 Hill View Wortley Wotton under Edge Gloucestershire. He was a keen sportsman and particularly excelled at long distance running and Boxing. He was indentured as a grocer's apprentice with the International Tea Company of London, who had a store in Wotton under Edge .

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave Reference: Grave 815. Cemetery: WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE CEMETERY

His Headstone reads: "PEACE"



IN PROUD AND HAPPY MEMORY OF ERIC ALFRED JOHN COOK
DROWNED IN TRAINING WITH THE GLOUCESTER REGIMENT AT
FINGRINGHOE ESSEX AUG 27TH 1946 AGED 18 YEARS IN CHRIST
SHALL ALL BE MADE ALIVE





Eric (aged 2) with his mother & aunt Freda; With his parents & brother Bryn



The plaque was placed on the local chapel gates by the local minister because it was not permitted to have Eric's name put on the War memorial at Wotton Under Edge, since he did not fall in battle.



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EAST DONYPOND, FINGRINGHOE
,LANGENHOE*