

In Memory Of

Private

WILLIAM FREDERICK EDWARDS

Service Number: 6208049

8th Bn., Middlesex Regiment who died on 17 December 1944 Age 25

Son of Frederick and Louis Elizabeth Edwards; husband of Enid Felicity Brewster Edwards, of Colwall, Herefordshire.

MY DEAR HUSBAND HONEST AND TRUE IN HEART AND MIND. BEAUTIFUL MEMORY LEFT BEHIND

Remembered with Honour

BRUNSSUM WAR CEMETERY

IV. 172.



COMMEMORATED IN PERPETUITY BY THE COMMONWEALTH
WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

Name: EDWARDS, William Frederick

Date of Birth: 1919

Date of Death: 17th December 1944

Age at Death: 25

Service Number: 6208049

Rank: Private

Unit: 8th Battalion Middlesex Regiment



Military Service

Prior to the war William had been in the Territorial Army and then served in France in the early stages of the war and was evacuated from Dunkirk.

William was involved in stopping the German counter-offensive which was launched through the densely forested Ardennes region between Belgium and Luxembourg on 16th December 1944. This came to be known as the Battle of the Bulge. At the time the 8th Battalion Middlesex Regiment were identified as the Vickers Machine Gunners under the 43rd (Wessex) Infantry Division.

Commemorated/Memorial

Brunssum War Cemetery, IV.172, Netherlands

The memorial to the Middlesex Regiment which is a memorial to all those who lost their lives in conflicts from the First World War to the 19th Century Wars is located at The Ridgeway, Mill Hill in the London Borough of Barnet.



Colwall Connection

William was the son of Frederick and Louis Elizabeth Edwards of Feltham, Middlesex. William married Enid Felicity Brewster Edwards (nee Box) a nursery woman for her father and lived at Coleraine, Upper Colwall in 1941. Prior to his military service William was employed on the Southern Railway. He was married at the church of the Good Shepherd in Colwall in August 1941.