In Memory Of

Driver

ALFRED HERMAN MAURER

Service Number: T/10672287

18 Water Tank Coy., Royal Army Service Corps who died on 07 January 1943 Age 32

Son of John Jacob and Rosaline Maurer.

Remembered with Honour

BROOKWOOD 1939-1945 MEMORIAL

Panel 17. Column 1.

COMMONWEALTH
WAR GRAVES

COMMEMORATED IN PERPETUITY BY THE COMMONWEALTH

WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

Name: MAURER, Alfred Herman

Date of Birth: 10th October 1910

Date of Death: 7th January 1943

Age at Death: 32

Service Number: T/10672287

Rank: Driver

SS Benalbanach

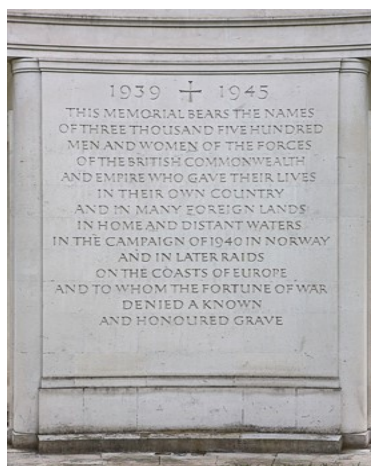**Unit:** 18 Water Tank Company, Royal Army Service Corp.

Military Service
At the time of his death Alfred was at sea on board the S.S. Benalbanach. The S.S. Benalbanach was part of convoy KMS6 and was bound for North Africa. The KMS series of mercantile convoys sailed from the UK to Gibraltar and onward into the Mediterranean.

The S.S. Benalbanach left the Clyde on Christmas Eve 1942, with a crew of 74 and 389 officers and men, as well as a cargo of tanks, motor vehicles, ammunition, petrol and general military stores. The returning convoy was attacked on the evening of the 7th of January 1943 East of Algiers by a single low flying German aircraft which released two torpedoes which hit the ship in No. 3 and No. 5 holds. The S.S. Benalbanach sank in less than two minutes with the loss of 57 crew and 340 Troops.

Commemorated/Memorial
Brookwood Memorial, Panel 17, Column 1. With over 5,000 Commonwealth and almost 800 war graves of other nationalities, Brookwood Military Cemetery is the largest CWGC war cemetery in the United Kingdom.

Colwall Connection
Alfred was born in Great Warley, Essex in 1911. At the time of his death his address was Vale View, Colwall. He was the son of John Jacob and Rosaline Maurer. Both his parents were Swiss nationals. His father, Jacob Maurer, was a celebrated alpine gardener and worked at Warley Place for Ellen Willmott for forty years. Alfred used to play cricket for Colwall.