

In Memory Of

Private

# JAMES SAMUEL GEORGE PRICE

Service Number: 1701617

2/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 12 September 1944 Age 29

Remembered with Honour

CORIANO RIDGE WAR CEMETERY

XMI, K, 5.



COMMEMORATED IN PERPETUITY BY THE COMMONWEALTH

WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

**Name:** PRICE, James Samuel George

**Date of Birth:** 28<sup>th</sup> October 1914

**Date of Death:** 12<sup>th</sup> September 1944

**Age at Death:** 29

**Service Number:** 1701617

**Rank:** Private

**Unit:** 2/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (KOYLI)



### **Military Service**

Original James was with the Royal Artillery in North Africa, but by 1944 he was with the KOYLI. The 2/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion KOYLI was created in 1939 in the Territorial Army when the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion was split in two, creating the 1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion and the 2/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion. The 2/4<sup>th</sup> fought with the 138<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, part of the 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in the Battle of Dunkirk with the rest of the British Expeditionary Force. They also fought in the Tunisia Campaign in the final stages of the North African Campaign and later in the Italian Campaign.

By September 1944 they were involved with the Battle of Gemmano, near the Apennines Mountains in northern Italy. The battle took place between 4<sup>th</sup> September and 15<sup>th</sup> September in four stages. After the second stage the village of Gemmano was captured on 9<sup>th</sup> September by the 8<sup>th</sup> Army, but it took a further two subsequent attacks to secure the area around the village. The third attack was between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September. For this attack the 2/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (KOYLI) was given the task to attack Point 449 from the East, along the Gemmano-Borgo line, while the 6<sup>th</sup> Lincolnshire and the 6<sup>th</sup> York & Lancaster were to advance from the SE with the support of tanks. During this attack James lost his life.

### **Commemorated/Memorial**

Coriano Ridge War Cemetery, Riccione, Italy, Grave Ref XV11, K, 5. Coriano Ridge was the last important ridge in the way of the Allied advance in the Adriatic sector in the autumn of 1944. Its capture was the key to Rimini and eventually to the River Po. The site for the cemetery was selected in April 1945 and was created from graves brought in from the surrounding battlefields. Coriano Ridge War Cemetery contains 1,939 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War.



### **Colwall Connection**

In 1939 James was living with his parents (Thomas and Mary) at 1 Railway Terrace and had the occupation of a gardener. His parents seemed to have lived in Colwall since their marriage in 1910 as the 1911 census shows them living in Flapgate, Colwall.