

In Memory Of

Corporal

# EVELYN IVOR RIDLER

Service Number: 5183955

1st Bn., Hampshire Regiment who died on 11 August 1944 Age 22

Son of Richard Harry and Petronella Ridler; husband of Violet Priscilla Ridler, of Gloucester.

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Remembered with Honour

TILLY-SUR-SEULLES WAR CEMETERY

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WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

**Name:** RIDLER, Evelyn Ivor

**Date of Birth:** 1922

**Date of Death:** 11<sup>th</sup> August 1944

**Age at Death:** 22

**Service Number:** 51839955

**Rank:** Corporal

**Unit:** 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Hampshire Regiment



### **Military Service**

Evelyn was formerly a drummer in the Gloucester HQ Regimental Band from which he was transferred to the Hampshire Regiment.

On 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944, the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Hampshire Regiment came ashore at Gold Beach as part of Operation Overlord. Despite facing heavy machine gun fire, the men captured Le Hamel and Arromanches.

By August 1944, a brigade attack was being launched towards Conde. On 11<sup>th</sup> August the battalion launched an attack on St Pierre la Vielle, and during this attack Evelyn and 48 Other Ranks lost their lives.

### **Commemorated/Memorial**

Tilly-sur-Seulles War Cemetery, row V.D.9, France

There is a memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum to commemorate the Royal Hampshire Regiment.



### **Colwall Connection**

Evelyn was the son of Richard Harry and Petronella Ridler of Camp Cottage, Colwall. Evelyn married Violet Priscilla Ridler (nee Davis) of Gloucester at the start of 1943. It should be noted that Evelyn's surname is spelt incorrectly on the Colwall Memorial.