

Albert George William Stephens
Signalman 3 Depot Battalion Royal Corps of Signals
Service Number 2358064
Aged 29

Albert was born on 21st May 1911. His birth was registered at South Stoneham in Hampshire, the son of Frederick and Ella Stephens.

Frederick John Stephens married Ella Marie Rowse in early 1899 at Portsea. Frederick was working as a blacksmith in the carriage department of a railway company. They lived at Eastleigh for the whole of their lives.

Frederick died in 1937, Ella Marie died in 1939.

Albert aged 22 married Dorothy Grace Toop aged 22 in October 1934, registered at Wareham. They had one daughter, born in 1937.

Dorothy's family lived at Corfe Castle. Her father died when she was seven years old and her mother married again four years later, still living at Corfe Castle.

In September 1939 Dorothy and Albert were living at Eastleigh, where he was a railway clerk at Southampton Docks.

No 3 Depot Battalion, Royal Corps of Signals was based at Westfield Mill, Ossett, Yorkshire, which became a training centre for signalmen.

Albert, a signalman, died on 31st January 1941 aged 29, at the military hospital, Clifton without, near York.

He is buried at Corfe Castle (God's Acre) Burial Ground. Grave number, Row E Grave 12.

Probate was granted to Dorothy Grace Stephens, widow, of 126 West Street, Corfe Castle on 26th March 1941. Effects £917 7s 3d.



Commemorated on the memorial at Corfe Castle