

Philip Dominey
Sapper, 1 (Airborne) Squadron, Royal Engineers.
Regimental number 2014773.
Age 29

Philip Dominey was born on 9 June 1916.

He enlisted in the Northumberland Fusiliers and volunteered for airborne forces.

Sapper Dominey successfully completed Glider training and was posted 1st Airborne Squadron (Royal Engineers). He took part in Operation Doodson, where the British 1st Airborne Division acted as a police and military force during the Allied occupation of Norway in May 1945, immediately after the victory in Europe. They maintained law and order until the arrival of the remainder of the occupation force. The division was tasked with supervising the surrender of the German forces in Norway, as well as preventing the sabotage of vital military and civilian facilities. The 1st Airborne Division landed near Oslo and Stavanger between 9 May and 11 May. The division encountered little of the expected German resistance. Operational duties included welcoming back King Haakon VII of Norway, looking after Allied ex-prisoners of war, arresting war criminals and supervising the clearing of minefields. The division returned to Britain at the end of August and disbanded two months later.

In September 1939, Philip Dominey was living at 123 West Street, Corfe Castle with John and Olive Coffen. He was a carpenter at Bovington.

He died on 25th June 1945, and is buried at Bergen (Mollendal) Church Cemetery in Norway, one of 46 war graves in this cemetery. Grave number D 6.

There is a memorial headstone in God's Acre cemetery at Corfe Castle, at the foot of William and Ellen Chaffey's grave. William and Ellen Chaffey were Olive Coffen's parents. The headstone reads SPR Philip Dominey 1916-1945. In remembrance of our dear Phil who lost his life while serving with the Royal Engineers in Norway on June 25 (1945)

There are no Commonwealth war cemeteries in Norway, all those buried in Norway are in civil cemeteries.