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Memorial Location: Section H2, Row 2, Grave No 12

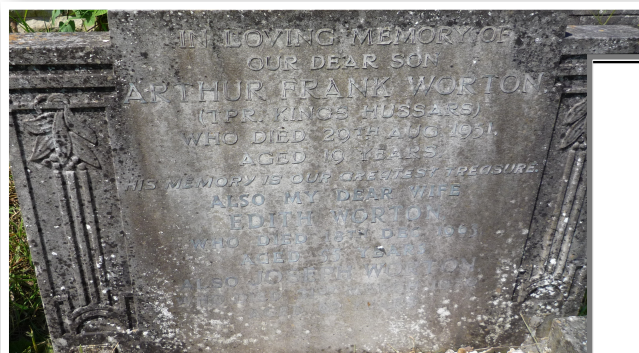


WORTON Arthur Frank

Trooper, 14/20 Kings Hussars. Died 29-08-1951 aged 19yrs

Arthur Frank Worton was born in Cradley in 19031, educated locally and lived at High Park Road with his parents Joseph and Edith Worton. At the age of 19 years Arthur enlisted in the Kings Hussars and was engaged in tank training near to East Wretham Camp, Norfolk. In an attempt to avoid a collision with a civilian vehicle on a country road Frank was thrown from the tank, severely injured and later died at the Military Hospital, St Edmunds.

Part of the report in the *County Express*, Sept 8th, 1951 [p3] reads:- *Mr & Mrs J Worton and family desire to express their grateful thanks to all their relatives and friends, to their neighbours of Two Gates, to the officers and men of the 14/20 Kings Hussars Regiment, to all who have written messages of sympathy and to those who have verbally expressed their condolences in any way on the loss of their son Frank. They assure all that their messages have been a source of great comfort to them which will help to sustain them in the future. His fiancée, Miss Cynthia Shilvock, associates with these sentiments. The very beautiful flowers were a very real and tangible expression of the affection in which he was held.*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR SON
ARTHUR FRANK WORTON [TRP. KINGS HUSSARS]
WHO DIED 29TH AUG 1951 AGED 19 YEARS.
HIS MEMORY IS OUR DEAREST TREASURE.
ALSO MY DEAR WIFE EDITH WORTON WHO
DIED 18TH DEC 1963 AGED 55 YEARS.
ALSO JOSEPH WORTON WHO
DIED 21ST MARCH 1970 AGED 62 YEARS

Fell under Army tank

Death of a Cradley trooper

At an inquest at Bury St. Edmunds yesterday week a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned in respect of Trooper Arthur Frank Worton (19), of the 14th/20 King's Hussars, whose home was in High Park Road, Cradley, and who was killed when he fell under a tank near East Wretham Camp, Norfolk, on Sunday.

A corporal said that he was driving a Cromwell tank and Worton was sitting on top, passing messages to him from another N.C.O. in the gun turret, as there was no wireless inter-communication. He slowed down at a bend, and on seeing a car, pulled well in to the nearside. When the tank went into a skid, he pulled on to the grass verge and applied his brakes, causing a sudden jerk.

A lance-corporal said that when the driver applied the brakes Worton fell forward. He held him for a few seconds. Then, while trying to get his balance, he accidentally struck witness in the face, causing him to release his hold, and witness saw him go under the tank.

The Deputy Coroner said that if the tank had been fully equipped Worton need not have been where he was on the tank. But he could not see that anyone was to blame.