

Samuel Henry COWLEY

149280, Major, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
died Wednesday 19th July 1944, aged 33.

Memorial Book text:

Home address was Clifton House (now demolished), High Street, Olney.

1939 – 2100762 – Sapper RE., 50 AA Btn. RE., Searchlight Camp, Oakham, Rutland.

1940 – 2/Lt. 9 Bn. Beds. & Herts, Colne Horse Hotel, Cromer, Norfolk.

1941 – Same address.

1942 – Same unit, Sheerness, Kent.

1843 – Same unit, Seaford, Sussex.

1944 – Major, Beds & Herts. 149280 – died on 19 July 1944, aged 33, and is buried in Plot 1, Row A, Grave 14 in Banneville-la-Campagne War Cemetery, France. This information supplied by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission ref. CM 180 on 14 Jan. 1975.

Photo supplied by Rev. Cowley (son) and Mrs V Charles (widow) and by MR P E Cowley of Olney.



CWWG information:

Samuel Henry COWLEY.
149280, Major, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regt., seconded to King's Own Scottish Borderers.
Son of Horace and Ethel Cowley; husband of Violet May Cowley, of Harrow, Middlesex.
Died Wednesday 19th July 1944, aged 33.
Buried in Banneville-la-Campagne War Cemetery (Grave I. A. 14).

Banneville-la-Campagne is a village in Normandy. The cemetery lies 100 metres south of the main road (the N175) between Caen and Pont l'Eveque, about 8 kilometres east of Caen.

Historical Information:

The Allied offensive in north-western Europe began with the Normandy landings of 6 June 1944. For the most part, the men buried at Banneville-la-Campagne War Cemetery were killed in the fighting from the second week of July 1944, when Caen was captured, to the last week in August, when the Falaise Gap had been closed and the Allied forces were preparing their advance beyond the Seine. The cemetery contains 2,170 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War, 140 of them unidentified, and five Polish graves.

No. of Identified Casualties: 2035



Banneville-la-Campagne War Cemetery