

Clifford William EMMS (1920-1977)

Clifford William Emms' connection to South Lopham is by birth and residence.

Clifford William EMMS, son of William Frederick EMMS (1888-c. 1969) and Rose Edith FULLER (c. 1890-c. 1932), was born on 25 June 1920 in North Lopham, Norfolk.^{1 2} He was baptised on 15 August 1920 in North Lopham - parents William Frederick (labourer) and Rose Edith.¹

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared in North Lopham - 1, living with parents William (31, agricultural labourer) and Rose (30), and brother Bertie (6).³

Clifford enlisted on 18 July 1940 - 7th Armoured Division, Royal Tank Regiment. On 18 May 1941 he had a casualty record, "Emms, CW, 7904069, Tpr. 4th Royal Tank Regiment" with no further details.

A prisoner of war record shows: "Name: Clifford Emms. Date of Birth: 25/6/1920. Place of Birth: North Lopham Norfolk. Service: British Army. Rank: Private. Regiment/Unit/Squadron: Royal Armoured Corps. Service Number: 7904069. Date of Capture: 21 June 1942. Theatre of Capture: Tobruk. Camp Name/Number: Stalag IVB Muhlberg. PoW number: 220820." His POW discharge questionnaire gave the names of camps he had been in: PG70 Port St. Georges, 7/43 - 8/43; 334 Landsdorf, 8/43 - 9/43; 711 Reigesfield, 9/43 - 1/45, working camp, building air raid shelters; XIIIB Wieden, 3/45 - 4/45; also his home address was given as Dairy Farm, Alington, nr Norwich, Norfolk.

On 24 July 1942 there was a newspaper report in the Diss Express:

MISSING

Mr. W. Emms, of North Lopham, has received official notification that his younger son, Trouper Clifford W. Emms, of the 4th Royal Tank Regiment, has been missing in the Middle East since June 20th. He is twenty years of age.

On 9 October 1942 there was a newspaper report in the Diss Express:

**LOPHAM, NORTH
PRISONER OF WAR**

It is now known that Trooper Clifford Emms, Royal Tank Regiment, who was previously reported missing, is now a prisoner of war in Italian hands.

Clifford married **Margaret Veronica Rachel WYTHE** circa 1949.⁴

He died on 5 March 1977 in Poringland, Norfolk.^{5 6} He had his estate probated on 14 April 1977 in Ipswich, Suffolk - "EMMS, Clifford William of 20 Footpath Poringland Norwich died 5 March 1977 Administration Ipswich 14 April. £2477. 771101176L"⁵

He is commorated in The Cemetery, Poringland - "Loving memories of / a dear husband and father / CLIFFORD WILLIAM / EMMS / 25th June 1920 - 5th March 1977 / Also of a dear wife, / mother and grandma / MARGARET (PEGGY) / EMMS / 30th March 1925 - 29th July 2006 / Reunited"

Spouse:

Margaret Veronica Rachel WYTHE, daughter of George Henry WYTHE (1897-c. 1990) and Catherine Dorothea COOK (1898-c. 1992), was born circa 1925. She died circa 2006.

Sources

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6. *CR Death*. 1977 Q1 Cambridge Cambridgeshire Vol 9 Page 843. Cit. Date: Q1 1977.