

**DOUGLAS SNOWDEN - Private 4861999**

**Age 26**

**2/5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment**

**Killed in Action 11 February 1943**

**No known grave**

**Commemorated** on Medjez-el-Bab Memorial, Tunisia, and on Harthill War Memorial



Douglas Snowden born in 1916 and baptised in a private baptism at All Hallows Church on 19 March 1916. His parents were William, a coal miner, and Elizabeth Snowden, who lived at Fir Vale, Harthill.

Even though Douglas worked in a reserve occupation at Kiveton High Hazel Pit Top, he still received his call up papers.

His regiment sailed for Tunisia, North Africa on December 23rd 1942 as part of 139th Brigade, 46th Division. Douglas was reported missing believed killed in action in a battle near Sedjanene, Tunisia on 11 February 1943.

The Medjez-El-Bab Memorial commemorates almost 2,000 men of the First Army who died during the operations in Algeria and Tunisia between 8 November 1942 and 19 February 1943, and those of the First and Eighth Armies who died in operations in the same areas between 20 February 1943 and 13 May 1943, and who have no known grave.

The memorial stands within Medjez-El-Bab War Cemetery where 2,903 Commonwealth servicemen of the Second World War are buried or commemorated. 385 of the burials are unidentified. Special memorials commemorate three soldiers buried in Tunis (Borgel) Cemetery and one in Youks-les-Bains Cemetery, whose graves are now lost.