

# Codford St. Mary

## Roll of Honour



*Lest we Forget*

### World War II



(South African General Service Badge)

**228142V    CORPORAL**

**A. R. RONEY-DOUGAL**

**SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL CORPS**

**13th AUGUST, 1945    AGE 28**

*In Everloving Memory*

## **Alan Richard RONEY-DOUGAL**

Alan Richard Roney-Dougal was born on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 1917 to parents Alistair Richard & Edith Margaret Roney-Dougal (nee Ormerod). His birth was registered in the district of Totnes, Devonshire in the December quarter of 1917. Alan's parents had married in 1912 & their marriage was registered in the district of Marylebone, London in the December quarter, 1912. Alan had an older brother – Ian L. Roney-Dougal whose birth had been registered in the December quarter, 1914 in the same district – Totnes, Devonshire.

Alan's father – Alistair Richard Roney-Dougal was a Brevet Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, who had been awarded the Distinguished Service Order (D.S.O.) medal and bar in World War 1. The family had lived around the Salisbury Plain area until 1933, when Edith Roney-Dougal became widowed. She first moved to Heytesbury then into The Old Rectory at Codford St. Mary, Wiltshire.

Alan was educated privately then at Bradford College, Berkshire. During the period between 1936-37 he had a private tutor and it was during this period that he was appointed to a Supplementary Reserve Commission as a 2nd Lieutenant, P68748, in the Somerset Light Infantry.

Alan's health had always been poor, he suffered from sinusitis and bronchial troubles aggravated by the extremes of Wiltshire winters. In 1937 he resigned his commission and emigrated to Tarke Training farm, Cradock, Cape Province, South Africa intending to make a career in farming.

In December, 1941 at the age of 24, Alan enlisted as a private in the South African Medical Corps for full time voluntary service at Port Elizabeth. His health remained precarious, medical records show that he was hospitalised several times with frontal sinusitis. In early May, 1944 he spent seven months in hospital suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, a condition that led to his being declared medically unfit by the Medical Board in January, 1945.

Corporal Alan Roney-Dougal died on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 1945, aged 28, after a brief illness in Queen's Central Hospital, Cradock, his cause of death was listed as acute intestinal obstruction and congestive heart failure.

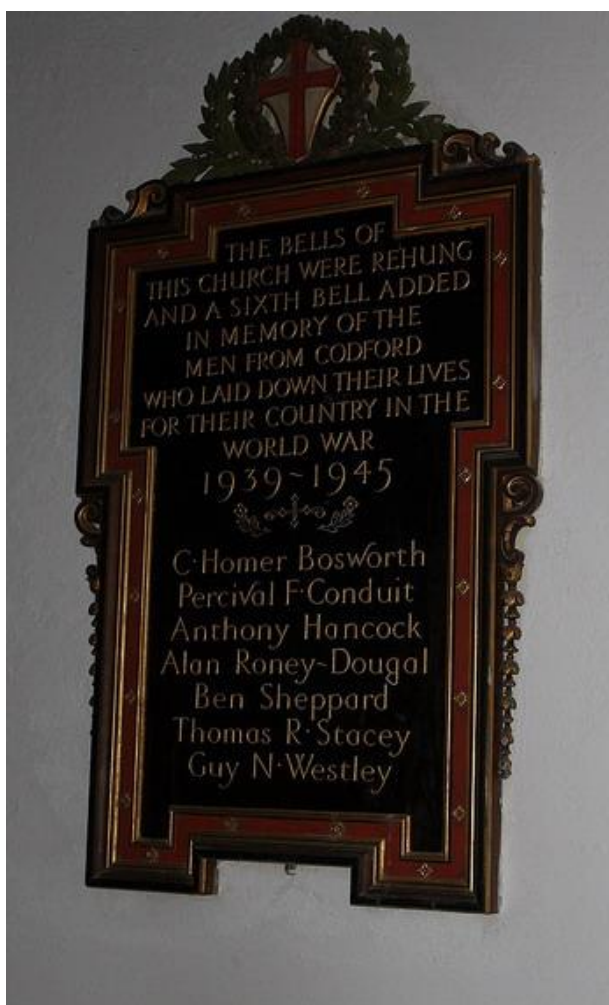
Corporal Alan Roney-Dougal was buried in Cradock Cemetery, South Africa – St. Peters (Anglican) Allotment Row P. Grave 577. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Corporal Alan Roney-Dougal, aged 28, of the South African Medical Corps, as the son of Alistair R. and Edith M. Roney-Dougal of Codford, Wiltshire, England.

Probate Calendar details-

Roney-Dougal, Alan Richard of The Old Rectory Codford near Warminster Wiltshire died 14 August, 1946 at Queen's Central Hospital, Cradock Cape Province, South Africa. Administration – Winchester 8 September to Edith Margaret Roney-Dougal widow. Effects £8079 14s. 7d.

Alan Roney-Dougal is remembered on the Codford World War 2 Memorial plaque located in St. Peter's Church, Codford, Wiltshire as well as a Victory Bell, cast by Mears & Stainbank of Whitechapel in 1946, which was added to commemorate the seven men with Codford connections that lost their lives in World War 2.



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**Alan Roney-Dougal**

(Photo & information on Alan Roney-Dougal's life- courtesy of Romy Wyeth)

### **Cradock Cemetery, Eastern Cape, South Africa**

Cradock Cemetery, located on Deary Avenue, Cradock, has 7 identified Commonwealth War Graves Casualties – 5 from World War 1 & 2 from World War 2.



Entrance to Cradock Cemetery, South Africa

Photo of Corporal Alan Roney-Dougal's Headstone in Cradock Cemetery, South Africa.

