

**In Memory of  
Lance Bombardier GORDON WILLIAM SAMUEL  
(BILLY) McDONALD  
5339224, 170 Bty., 57 Lt. A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery  
who died, age 21, on 16 April 1943  
Son of Christopher and Minnie Hilda McDonald, of  
Faringdon, Berkshire.  
Remembered with honour  
Faringdon War Memorial and  
TRIPOLI WAR CEMETERY**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Tripoli Military Cemetery is co-located with Tripoli War Cemetery, within which it comprises Plots 50-52, adjacent to the eastern boundary wall. The Cemetery is in the Mansura district of Tripoli, 2.5 kilometres west of the city centre.

During the North African campaign, Tripoli was an important Axis base until taken by Montgomery's forces on 23 January 1943. It then became a hospital centre, and the burials in the war cemetery were almost entirely from the hospitals, which included Nos 2, 48 and 133 General Hospitals from March 1943, and No 89 General Hospital from April 1944. Tripoli War Cemetery contains 1,369 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War, 133 of them unidentified.

Before the war, Bill was the town's telegram boy and was studying to take his exams to join the Post Office prior to joining the Territorial Army. His family's business was C. MacDonald, the Drapers, in London St (now the Pharmacy). He was killed in Libya.