

**In Memory of
Private RICHARD JOHN THEODORE STICKLEY
14413965, 5th Bn., Wiltshire Regiment
who died, age 19, on 25 August 1944
Remembered with honour
Faringdon War Memorial and
ST. DESIR WAR CEMETERY**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

St. Desir is a village on the N13 to Caen, 4 kilometres west of Lisieux in Normandy.

The Allied offensive in north-western Europe began with the Normandy landings of 6 June 1944. St Desir War Cemetery is the most easterly of the Normandy cemeteries. For the most part, those buried here died in the final stages of the campaign, in pursuit of the German forces towards the Seine. The cemetery contains 597 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War. 78 of these graves were brought in from Chartres (St Cheron) Communal Cemetery after the war, together with the four First World War burials now at St. Desir.

Richard was born 12 October 1924 and married Alice Rose Bailey in 1943. He joined the Royal Berkshire regiment and was transferred to the 5th Bn, The Wiltshire regiment. He was killed in action crossing the River Seine in Normandy.