



**Name** **ERIC WILLIAM LAKIN**

**DOB** 1926

**Place of birth** Australia

**Lived at** Roan, Northwood Lane, Northwood

**Occupation** From leaving school and until his enlistment Eric worked at the Albion kennels caring for greyhounds which were raced at Cobridge

**Family** Parents: John Eric (b 11.07.1905) and Elizabeth R (b 30.05.1909) lived at Northwood  
 Brother John (b 17.12.1928) in Australia and died in a bicycle accident in Northwood in 1942.  
 Sister Marjorie (b 14.11.1931) in Australia  
 Brother Robert A (b 1934) in Northwood  
 Sister Elizabeth (b 1936) in Northwood

**Marital Status** Single



**Age enlisted** 17/18 years

**Service** The Parachute Regiment, A.A.C.  
6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division

**Reg number** 14747245

**Rank** Private

Private Lakin, who has been killed in action while serving with a Parachute Regiment, was the son of Mr and Mrs J E Lakin, of Roan, Northwood Lane, Clayton. Aged 19, he served in Belgium and Holland and took part in the recent landing over the Rhine, being attached to the Sixth Airborne Division. He had been in the Forces for 12 months.

**Date of death** Saturday 7th April 1945

**Age at death** 19 years

**Cause of death**

**Grave or Memorial** Buried at Hanover War Cemetery, Niedersachsen, Germany. The grave Ref is 7.A.10

**Other information** Eric is a member of the Lakin family who farmed at Northwood Farm from about 1780. In 1923 John Eric Lakin, his father, emigrated to Australia at the age of 18 with his brother, Samuel Joseph Lakin, aged 23 years. John returned to Northwood in 1932 with his wife Elizabeth and three young children, Eric aged 6, John aged 2 and Marjorie, aged 1. Two further children were born whilst living in Northwood, Robert A and Elizabeth. John was killed in a bicycle accident in 1942 and Eric was killed during his war service in 1945. Both are commemorated in Trentham Cemetery and Eric's name is on Trentham War Memorial.

