

**Awards Announced at the
Stand-Down of the Home Guard
15th December 1944**

**The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following
promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Excellent Order of the
British Empire in recognition of Meritorious Service in the Home Guard:**

MBE

Company Sergeant Major T. H. Allen, 2nd Bn. Oxford Home Guard.



Thomas Henry Allen was a cycle dealer in 1939 living at The Shrubby. He had two servants at that time – Helen Hazel (housekeeper) and Florence Newman (unpaid domestic duties). He was born in 1893 in Stoke Lyne. He was the father of Gordon and Raymond Allen who were present at the 50th Anniversary of the end of WW2.

His father, Thomas Hanks, was born in Dunchurch, Warwickshire, in 1865 and was a Traction Engine Driver who married Susan Martha (nee Jones) born in Croughton in 1889. He had four sisters – Gertrude, May, Norah and Ena. In 1901 he was at school living in Hardwick, in 1911 a general labourer and still living in Hardwick.

He died in 1972 and was buried in St Edmund & St George Churchyard.

