

## **Kenneth Martin Wood**

Kenneth Wood was born in August 1913 in East Boldon, County Durham and trained as an architect. Kenneth Wood joined the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion in 1938 and was then commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in May 1939.

When the Second World War began, 9 DLI was mobilised and sent to train for war in the Cotswolds. Kenneth Wood went with his battalion to France in January 1940, as part of the British Expeditionary Force, and commanded the Anti-Tank Platoon in the fighting in May 1940.

Kenneth Wood served with the DLI after Dunkirk and rose to the rank of Major. He served with 6 DLI in Normandy in 1944 and was awarded a Military Cross for his bravery during the fighting at Gheel in September 1944.

After the end of the war, Kenneth Wood left the Army and worked as an architect in Newcastle upon Tyne. He died in March 2004.

*Kenneth Wood was interviewed for the Imperial War Museum in 1989, however the interview was not completed.*