

Sgt. Edmund Spencer Quickenden
No.6 Commando
Obituary

**Mr E. Quickenden
(Edenbridge)**

A FAMILIAR face in Edenbridge, former commando Edmund Quickenden of Springfield Road, died on Friday last week aged 72, after a long fight against kidney failure.

His family have lived in Edenbridge for over 100 years and he was brought up in the town, attending the former Council Senior School.

At the age of 14 he became an apprentice at Purchases Edenbridge Motor Company, the local garage.

When the second world war broke out he enlisted in the Home Guard until he was called up, when old enough, in 1943.

He soon became a sergeant in the No 6 Commando, under Lord Lovat, who were involved in securing the Pegasus Bridge during the D-Day landings, preventing the retreating Germans from destroying it.

He was later wounded by shrapnel while crossing the River Rhine.

This did not hinder his mil-



itary career because he then joined the Parachute Regiment and served in Palestine as an acting sergeant major.

Once he was stood down Mr Quickenden, commonly known as Eddie, settled at the garage in Edenbridge and married Sylvia, who said: "He would do anything for anyone."

His 23 years before retirement were spent as general manager for D. G. Higgs, the town's ironmongers, where he was

known for his friendly, helpful service.

In retirement he was a keen gardener and won many prizes for his allotment.

He is survived by his widow, son, daughter and grandson.

His funeral will take place on Monday at 2pm at Edenbridge Baptist Church, followed by cremation at Worth.

Flowers are welcome and donations can be made to the Kidney Research Association.