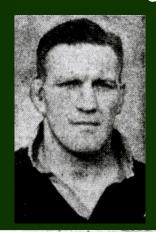


## Lawrence William 'Laurie' Thacker 1 Commando Brigade



# STAR IN A CRACK HULL TEAM

# LAURIE THACKER DIES IN HOSPITAL

FOLLOWING AN ILLNESS lasting nearly three \*ears, Lawrence William Thacker (42), former England and Hull front-row forward, has died in East Riding General Hospital, Driffield. About two years ago, he underwent an operation in Hull Royal Infirmary and was admitted to East Riding General Hospital, Driffield, about a month ago in a serious condition.

Thacker was a product of Hull junior rugby football. He left Marlborough Club in 1933 championship in 1936. Weighto join the Airlie Birds and he commanded a regular place in the first team up to the outbreak of World War II.

mandos in France and Germany and was wounded in the leg. On returning home after de-mobilisation, he played a few games with his old club before hanging up his boots.

Thacker played for England three times, once at Cardiff and twice against France. His last international game was against France in 1939.

### VERY FAST

member of the redoubtable Hull tors.

WOUNDED IN LEG ton, volunteered this tribute, "Laurie was one of the best front-row forwards of his day."

Thacker's first game with the Boulevard club was when he played for the A team against Swinton A on February 18, 1933. He was promoted to the senior side on September 2, 1933, when Hull visited Dews-

Altogether he made 280 bury. appearances and scored 43 tries.

## LAURIE'S LAST GAME

played for Yorkshire at the Boulevard on May 2, times and was a 1946, when Leeds were the visi-