

The Fallen of WWII



A. Howard, Borlasian **1936-39 Royal Air Force**

Howard returned home from a successful trip to Germany, but was then killed at his home aerodrome in one of the last German raids on Britain.

A.F. Brunton, Borlasian **1935-40 Royal Air Force**

Brunton was a member of the No.192 Squadron which was formed on 4 January 1943 as a radar counter-measures squadron. It was essentially a research unit, involved in identifying the types of radar being used by the Germans. Research flights had to take place over Germany and occupied Europe, where the German radar was operating against Bomber Command.

In November 1944 the squadron attempted to find the radio signals believed to be controlling the V-2 rocket, as the Allies were then unaware that the rocket contained its own guidance system.



W. R. Bloyce, Borlasian **1932-38 Royal Air Force**

William Roy Bloyce was a member of the Royal Airforce Volunteer reserve. He was the son of Joseph Alfred Bloyve and Lilliam Bloyce, of Taplow, Buckinghamshire. Bloyce flew a Spitfire for this duty. His mission was not completed. Circumstances of the aircraft loss are unknown but it is believed it was shot down on 21st of August 1941 over the English Channel.

At Borlase, Bloyce was Captain of rugby and best friends with fellow Borlasian Wethered, who was also killed during the war.



**P.R Smith, Borlasian
1929-34 Royal Air Force**

Smith was lost off Norway during a reconnaissance raid.

**E. M. Buckingham, Borlasian
1931-34 Royal Air Force**

He was the grandson of Mr J. Buckingham, Governor of Borlase for many years. He was at Borlase from 1931 to 1934 and took his school certificate in 1933.

He was remembered as an excellent footballer, and one of 'the best bowlers we ever had' in the 1945 edition of The Borlasian. After leaving school he joined the Metropolitan Police. Enlisting in the R.A.F he was sent to Bomber Command. He was first reported missing and later killed after a raid on Germany.

A.W.F. Ranscombe, Borlasian 1926-32

He was noted as 'missing in the Far East' in the 1942 edition of The Borlasian. In the 1943 edition it reads 'we are glad to know that news, though very scanty news, has been heard from each of our four prisoners in the hands of the Japanese' and A.W.F Ranscombe was one of them. It was later published that he sadly died of dysentery in New Britain in 1943.

**J. Barnshaw, Borlasian
1925-1931, Royal Army Service Corp**

Barnshaw died in hospital and he is buried at Bisham All Saints Church.

**S. E. P. Morton, Borlasian
1928-32 Royal Artillery**

Circumstances unknown



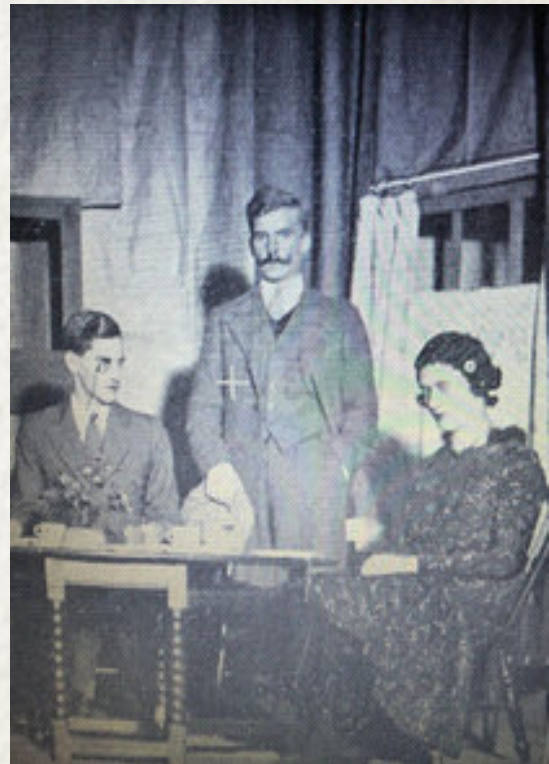


J. A. Malyon, Borlasian
1933-39 Royal Armoured Corps

He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Maylon of Burnham. He was at Borlase from 1933-39, passed his School Certificate and the Civil Service Examination, He took an active part in life of the school and headed batting average in the excellent Cricket Team of 1938, with a top score of 80 not out against Maidenhead. He joined the Royal Armoured Corps and was killed in a tank in Normandy. He was only 21.

T. H. Speller, Borlasian
1940-45 Royal Air Force

Tom Speller, of Hedsor, another pilot, of a Halifax this time, detailed to bomb the marshalling yards at Karlsruhe, lost, and no news of him for ten months'. The Borlasian, 1945



J. P. Shipton, Borlasian
1929-34 Royal Air Force

Centre) The Borlasian, 1934, in his role in 'Bird in Hand play'

Shipton was noted as 'killed during a raid in Germany' in the 1942 edition of The Borlasian

R.A. Banks, Borlasian
1933-34 Royal Navy

As he was only at Borlase for one year, very little is known about him.



D. T. M. Sellman, Borlasian 1920-28 Royal Air Force

Though he and his twin brother, Bryan attended Borlase for seven years, I never really learned to distinguish them. How well they rowed in the Public Schools cup competition in 1927, when the school crew beat Tiffins and Cheltenham, to reach the finals and almost to win the cup.

Both were at Dunkirk, where Dudley escaped and Bryan was taken prisoner. After five years as P.O.W Bryan came home again. Dudley was sent to Africa and Italy, reached the rank of Major. The war ended and then came the news that he had been killed in a motor accident in Italy.

Almost at the same time came more news: that he had been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery. The citation says how on three occasions he exposed himself to considerable danger to observe gun positions which a Maori division on the river Senio found themselves unable to deal with.

W. L. Tadgell, Borlasian 1932-35 Royal Navy

Tagdell was the first Borlasian casualty of the Second World War. He went down with his ship in the early days of the phoney war.

C. W. F Johnson Royal Artillery

His circumstances are unknown.



H. E. Meadows, Borlasian 1930-36, Royal Air Force

H.E. Meadows is remembered in the tribute in the 1945 edition of The Borlasian as 'Meadows in football shorts'.



**D. G. Lee, Borlasian
1932-37 Royal Navy**

Acting Leading Telegraphist David S, Lee, was a Maidenhead boy who took an active part in Borlase Dramatic Society and left to join the Royal Navy after taking his School Certificate. He was posted 'missing, presumed dead' in October 1943.

**R.H.W. Lunnon, Borlasian 1933-35
Royal Armoured Corps**

In the 1945 edition of the Borlasian it reads 'Lunnon, from Bourne End. One day in Burma he saw his officer lying wounded. Without hesitation, in spite of a hail of machine gun bullets, he rushed to his rescue. He was too badly wounded to be moved, so Lunnon was rushed back for medical supplies.

Again, he returned, only to find his officer dead. Lunnon was wounded, and removed to hospital in India. There he may have learned that he had been awarded the Military Medal, and possibly that Borlase had been granted a half day holiday in his honour. But his wound was too deep to heal, and he died without returning to the banks on the Thames'.

**N. B. Dance, Borlasian
1926-27 Royal Air Force**

His circumstances are unknown.

**A. H. Rex, Borlasian
1931-33 Royal Air Force**

Rex gave his life to defend Malta

**P. F. Coleman, Borlasian
1909-14 King's African Rifles**

His circumstances are unknown.



D. J. MARTIN
(Archbishop of Rheims)

D.J.M. Martin Borlasian 1933-37, Royal Air Force

Pictured in The Borlasian, 1936, playing his role as the Archbishop of Rheims in "Saint Joan".

Flight Sergeant D.J.M. Martin, son of Rev. and Mrs A.S. Martin of Maidenhead was a Borlase actor and contributed on several occasions to the Borlasian. After taking his MArticulation in 1937 he proceeded to London University to study Science.

D.J. Savill, Borlasian 1940-42 Royal Navy

In the 1945 edition of The Borlasian, Savill was described in the tribute as 'the red headed evacuee from London. When we started the school gardens, he attacked the virgin soil with such vigour that I had to ask him to desist to safeguard

the limbs of his fellow-diggers'. He had only just left School to join the Naval Cadets when news came that he had been drowned before his training was completed.



I. L. Wethered, Borlasian 1932-37 Royal Air Force

He was noted as 'crashed on return from raid' in 1942 edition of The Borlasian

D.S.H. Chubb Royal Army Service Corps

D. S. H. Chubb was the son of Frederick John Heathcote Chubb and Ethel May Chubb, of Flackwell Heath, Buckinghamshire. He died in June 1946, after the end of the war and is commemorated at the Madras War Cemetery, Chennai, India. He was only 20.

**F. A. Oxlade, Borlasian
1936-38 Royal Air Force**

Circumstances unknown

**M. W. G. Winterton Borlase
1935-40, Royal Navy**

Son of Mr H.T. Winterton of Flackwell Heath and was at Borlase between 1935-40, taking his School Certificate in 1939. Though his career in the Navy was such a short one, he found time to distinguish himself. After the battle with Scharnhorst he was recommended for a commission. He sailed with his ship in convoy to to Murmansk, and died in January 1944 as a result of an accident on board ship. He was only 19.



**D. L. White, Borlasian
1919-25 Royal Armoured Corps**

White was the elder son of Mr David White Seymour, Court Farm. He was at Borlase from 1919 to 1925 and took his School Certificate in 1924. He joined his father on the farm and for years was a familiar figure at School when he delivered milk bottles every morning.

As a farmer of 34 he had no need to join the Forces, but he felt it his duty to do so. He enlisted in the Royal Armoured Corps and went to Normandy. He was killed when leaving his tank to aid comrades in distress.

**R. Stone, Borlasian
1932-38 Royal Air Force**

Stone was a splendid scholar and athlete. He was remembered in the 1945 edition of The Borlasian as 'the only boy capable of beating Mr Jones at tennis'.

He was was killed in a practice flight in 1942, before he had even met the enemy.





**C H N Hayton, Borlasian
1929-32 Devon Regiment**

Hayton was killed in the jungles of Burma.

**D J Mackey, Borlasian
1931-33 Royal Air Force**

Photograph, The Borlasian, 1935

Mackey ' the straight limbed young athlete and the only Borlasian in the history of the school who could be relied on to ring the bell on time.

fell on returning from an experimental flight'. The Borlasian, 1945.

**E. H. R. Beechey Borlasian
1925-29 Royal Artillery**

Beechey was to only Boarder on the list, and was killed in Africa.

**P. H. Woodbridge, Borlasian
1932-33 Royal Air Force**

He was noted as 'missing from a raid on Germany' in the 1942 issue of The Borlasian.

**F. Cave, Borlasian
1930-34, Royal Air Force**

F. Cave came from Taplow. He was at school 1930-34 and showed himself a most promising boy. He left school early and later joined the R.A.F.

He was lost off Singapore when his ship went down.

**A. W. B. Drayson, Borlasian
1927-29 Anti Aircraft Fleet**

Gave his life to defend Malta.

**M.E Randall, Borlasian
1934-37 Royal Air Force**

No information in The Borlasian, except that he died in hospital.

G. W. Shortland Borlasian R A C

Details unknown



**K. R. H. Johnson, Borlasian
1929-31 Royal Air Force**

Ken Johnson, from British Columbia, well on his way to become known nationally as a dance band leader' The Borlasian 1945.

It was at the underground Café de Paris on 8 March 1941, during The Blitz, that a 50 kg high-explosive bomb came through the roof straight onto the dance floor soon after the start of a performance. Around 80 people were injured and at least 34 killed including 26-year-old Johnson. His ashes reside in the school chapel.

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