

John Malcolm SAXBY

Born: 1925
Parents: Son of Henry Charles and Winifred Saxby of Middleton-on-Sea West Sussex
School Years: 1937-39
Civilian Occupation: Held a post at Bognor Regis Urban District Council

Armed Forces Record

Service Rank: Leading Aircraftman
Service Number: 1397534
Service: Royal Air Force:
Service Record: Unknown
Date of Death: 5 February 1943



"Per Ardua ad Astra".

The headlines of the Bognor Regis Observer on 8 February 1943 read 'Four Focke-Wulfs sneak raid on town – Four Dead, Sixty Injured'. This was a typical indiscriminate 'hit and run raid' often carried out by enemy aircraft on Channel seaside towns during the 2nd World War.

One of the fatalities was *Old Boy* Malcolm John SAXBY who on the day was at home on leave from the Royal Air Force when his parent's house was struck by a bomb.

At his funeral, The Observer reported, 'There was an Escort Guard of Honour by the Air Training Corps cadets of which he had been a member. The coffin was borne on the shoulders of six stalwart airmen from his Station'. The service was conducted by the Rev.D.Manners and he was subsequently laid to rest in the cemetery of St Mary the Virgin Churchyard at Felpham, West Sussex.

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