

Kenneth Douglas QUICK RAFVR

Born: Glasgow 1906

Parents: Son of Douglas Hamilton and Flora Elizabeth McNeish Quick (Née Stewart)

School Years: 1928-1939

Civilian Occupation: Senior English Master B.A. Hon (London), Chichester High School for Boys. One of a Head and five teaching staff (affectionately known as "The aboriginals") with sixty three boys ("The originals"), in post since the School's opening day on 13th September, 1928.

Armed Forces Record

Service Rank: Pilot Officer Royal Air Force RAF Habbaniya – Iraq

Service Number: 105570

Date of Death: 16 April, 1942



The one master who died on active service was Kenneth Douglas QUICK. He was the English Master and had taught at the School since it opened in 1928. He was a charismatic teacher, popular with the boys. He edited 'The Martlet', he ran

the Debating Society and the Dramatic Society. As House Master of St. Richard's, he was a 'thorough sportsman' playing for the Masters against the Boys at both association football and cricket.

Kenneth Quick is often mentioned in letters back to the School from Old Boys now at Universities, and these were printed in the Magazine. He left the School at the end of Summer Term in 1939 to become Chief English Master at Battersea Grammar School. This is why a be-gowned photograph of him, smiling and confident in his classroom seat, was taken with that day's date, 11th July 1939, chalked on the blackboard behind him. He was described as a 'born' schoolmaster.

From Andrew Berriman - 'Chi-High' at War - 1939-1945

Summer Term 1942 began with the news of the death of Pilot Officer Kenneth Quick, serving in the Middle East as an Administration Officer. Mr Scales, a member of the Staff, wrote a long and moving tribute in 'The Martlet' of July 1942. It ended "Those who were privileged to enjoy his most intimate friendship, those who loved him, mourn the loss of a true and beloved friend and brother".

Kenneth Quick became seriously ill and died on the 18th April 1942 in a Basra Hospital. He was 36. He lies in Basra War Cemetery, Iraq, where a memorial reads:

"Until we meet again, beloved"

Winnifred, Anne, Lesley Kenneth Pasquill