

## Jack PAYNE MM

**Born:** 1921

**Parents** Son of Ethel Florence Payne and stepson of George James Chalk of Chichester

**School Years:** 1932-1938 – House - St. Wilfrid's – Chichester High School for Boys

**Sports Day Winner – 1934 and 1937**

**Prize List – 1934 – 1935 – 1936 – 1937**

**Oxford School Certificate – Passed – 1936**

**Higher School Certificate – University of London – Passed – 1938**

**Special Prize – 1938**

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## Armed Forces Record

**Service Rank:** Bombardier

**Service Number:** 890719

**Service Record:** 98<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment

Royal Artillery

(Surrey and Sussex Yeomanry)

**Service Base:** British Army

**Date of Death:** 14 May 1944



*"Everywhere that is right and glory"*

### 'The Martlet' – July 1944 - School Notes

"It is with deep regret that we record the loss of Jack PAYNE (1932-1938) who died of his wounds on May 16<sup>th</sup>, two days after he was hit by a fragment of shell in Italy. Fortunately, he did not recover consciousness. He was one of the oldest members of the Battery of the 98<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment R.A. (Surrey and Sussex Yeomanry) and one of the most capable of its N.C.Os. He was as popular with the Battery unit as he was with the School. Duty took him into the most dangerous places from El Alamein to Monte Cassino and all the officers spoke most highly of him. He was buried in the little cemetery close to Cassino, and a cross has been erected over his grave, the last gift of the officers and men of his battery.

**Citation – Military Medal**

**“The Military Decoration was awarded to Jack Payne for acts of gallantry and devotion to duty under fire or for individual or associated acts of bravery which were insufficient to merit the Distinguished Conduct Medal”.**

***Old Boy* Bombardier Jack PAYNE lays in the Cassino War Cemetery. He was 23.**

**Commemorated**

**Chichester High School for Boys**

**Chichester War Memorial**