

Charles Frederick MUNDY

Born: 1921

Parents: Son of Charles John William and Ethel Maud Mundy of 15 Marina Ave,
Bognor Regis

School Years: 1930-1938 St Wilfrid's House Chichester High School for Boys

Selected for County Inter School Sports Team competition - 1932

Oxford School Certificate – Honours – 1934

Exemption from Matriculation – University of London

Speech Day Prize – 1932 – 1933 – 1934 - 1935 – 1936 – 1937 – 1938

Special Prize –1937

Higher School Certificate – 1936 – University of London

School Captain and St Wilfred's House Captain during 1937

School football and cricket first XIs

Sports Day Winner – July 1937 - (S) Throwing Cricket Ball (record)

July 1938 - (S) 100 yards

July 1938 – (S) 220 yards (senior record)

School Library – 'Sonnet' published in The Martlet 1937

Represented School in Basque Refugee Children's' charity.

The Martlet Roll of Service – 1941 - Private Royal Sussex Regiment

Civilian Occupation: Came 31st in the list of the London County Council Major Clerical Examination – Secured an appointment at County Hall, London in 1938.

Armed Forces Record

Service Rank: Gunner

Service Number 990029

Service Record: 17th Field Regiment – Theatre of War - North Africa Campaign

Service Base: Royal Artillery – London S.E.

Date of Death: 19 January 1943



A 25 pounder field gun of the 11th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery in action 1942

'The Martlet' 'School Notes' March 1943

"We record with deep regret the death on active service of C.F. Mundy, Captain of the School in 1937, who has died of wounds received in North Africa and W.G. Shotter who was killed in action in the same theatre of war. We have already expressed in letters to their parents our deep and sincere in the loss of these gallant lads, and we place on record our sense of gratitude to them for the service that their sons have rendered to us. Losses such as these redouble our determination so to play our part in the struggle and in the reconstruction to come that they shall not have given their lives in vain.

On the 19th January 1942 during the early allied advance to seize Tunisia from the Axis Armies, Gunner Frederick Charles MUNDY of the 17th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, sustained wounds in battle from which he never recovered. He is buried at the CWGC Cemetery at Medjez-el-Bab, Beja, Tunisia. Plot 10.D.5. He was twenty-two.

Mundy's Curriculum Vitae portrays an outstanding pupil who embedded himself in every aspect of school life. Thoroughly academic, he achieved sporting prowess in athletics, football and cricket whilst also embarking on a list of extracurricular activities.

Geoff Wills recalls.....

"This must have been C.F. Mundy who fell during World War II. He was a renowned cricketer and footballer whilst at School and I remember "Killer Colgan" referring to him in 1945/46 as "Pongo Mundy". Framed photographs of pre-war sporting XIs were hung on the wall in Room 10 which I believe, it was before my time, was the 6th form classroom. Mr Colgan pointed Mundy out to us which made quite an impression because we all commented how old they looked in those pre-war photographs, probably because of the excessive use of Brylcreem. However, from my references to team pictures on the Website, I always thought that Mundy was on the extreme left-hand side back row of the 1938-1939 cricket team but this may not be the case. A great pity that the framed photographs of pre-war teams have all disappeared".

Commemorated

Chichester High School for Boys

Chichester War Memorial

Bognor Regis War Memorial