

**David Edward BURNAND**



*6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division – D-Day 6<sup>th</sup> of June (Gliders)*

**Born:** 1920  
**Parents:** Thomas Jesse and Ethel Caroline Burnand of Chichester Sussex  
**School Years:** 1931-1936 Chichester High School for Boys  
Oxford School Certificate July 1936  
Roll of Service Sgt. Royal Corps of Signals December 1940

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**Armed Forces Record**

**Service Rank:** Signalman  
**Service Number** 2354960  
**Service Record:** Royal Corps of Signals  
**Service Base:** Attached to the 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division – D-Day 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944  
**Date of Death** 9 April 1945

**'The Martlet' School Notes July 1945**

**David Burnand (1931-1936) has also died in the service of his country. He was in the 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division and went with gliders to Normandy on D-Day where, as a despatch rider, he sustained injuries to his leg that kept him in hospital for six months. He rejoined his unit in spring, came home on leave in April, and was killed in action two weeks later just four weeks before Germany signed the unconditional surrender on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945.**

**David Burnand was one of those quiet, steady fellows who do their duty without fuss or show and who can always be depended upon in every way. To his surviving parents, we express our deep and sincere sympathy.**

**David Edward BURNAND was first reported wounded on 3 July 1944. Returning to his unit in Germany he was killed in action on 9 April 1945. He is buried at the Reichwald Forest War Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. He was twenty-five.**

**Commemorated**

**Chichester High School for Boys**

**Chichester War Memorial**

**The opening and concluding paragraphs of .....**

***Dwight D Eisenhower's***

***Order of the day***

***Delivered 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944***

***"Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force. You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade towards which we have striven these many months.***

***The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty loving people march with you.***

***I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle. We will accept nothing else than full victory.***

***Good luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of the almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking."***