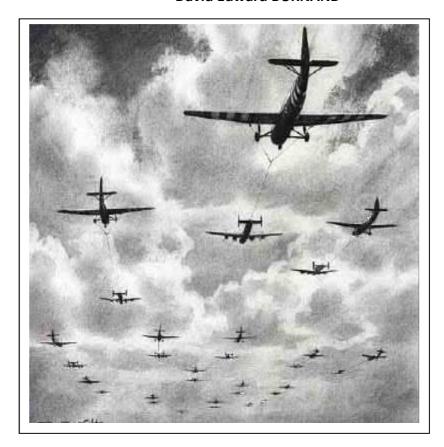
David Edward BURNAND



6th Airborne Division - D-Day 6th 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

Armed Forces Record

Service Rank: Signalman

Service Number 2354960

Service Record: Royal Corps of Signals

Service Base: Attached to the 6th Airborne Division – D-Day 6th 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 6th 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 8th 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.

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Chichester High School for Boys

Chichester War Memorial

The opening and concluding paragraphs of

Dwight D Eisenhower's

Order of the day

Delivered 6th 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."