

Arthur George STEAR

Born: 1921

Parents: George and Julia Stear of Oving Chichester Sussex

School Years: 1933-1939 Chichester High School for Boys

Oxford School Certificate – December 1937

Submitted numerous articles published in ‘The Martlet’

Speech Day Prizes 1937 and 1939

Higher School Certificate – London University June 1939

Placed in the Upper Division of 2nd Class honours list – English

BA Examination (London)

‘The Martlet’ ‘Roll of Service’ Lt. R.A.

Armed Forces Record

Ranks: T/Lieutenant

Service Number: 271482

Service Record: 133 Field Regiment

Service Base: Royal Artillery

Date of Death: 24 September 1944



“Everywhere That Right and Glory Lead”

‘The Martlet’ School Notes December 1944

It is with deep regret that we record the loss of another Old Boy in a recent military operation. *Old Boy* A.G. Stear (1933-1939) a Temporary lieutenant in the R.A. was killed in action in N.W. Europe on September 24th, while reconnoitring a position for his guns. To his sorrowing parents and relatives of this gallant lad, we extend our sincerest sympathy in their terrible loss.

Operation ‘Market Garden’ 17th/ 25th September 1944.

This was the failed Allied attempt to break through the German lines at Arnhem in the occupied Netherlands in World War II. The objective was to capture and secure the

Bridges that cross the River Rhine at Arnhem and Nijmegen in order to facilitate an Allied Forces rapid advance into Germany. Number 133 Field Regiment combat log for 24th September 1944 reads:

Entry - 1220 - 'Mines encountered. Bad weather and mud make occupation slow'.

Entry - 1800 - 'T/Lt. G.A. Stear killed by an enemy mine. HQ RA and Padre informed'.

A Dutch reviewer wrote:-

"Well, every cemetery has its story, but this one is located where the English XXX Corps ran into heavy enemy resistance on the first day of 'Market Garden' in 1944. Valkenswaard was the first Netherland village to be liberated on the mainline British advance into Holland. The cemetery contains 220 graves, almost all fell around the village during the month of September 1944"

***Old Boy* Arthur George STEAR is buried here and the graves are predominately army forces of the United Kingdom.**

Commemorated

Chichester High School for Boys

Chichester War Memorial