

BRYAN HEBBLETHWAITE (34-39)

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| Date of Birth | 25 August 1923 |
| School Information | Brother of Reginald John Hebblethwaite (1934-39) . Football XI 1938. A lady in Twelfth Night in 1938. |
| Career Information | None |
| Date Of Death | 19 September 1944 |
| Cause of Death | Killed by mortar fire on the ground |
| Location | Near Schoonoord Hotel, Oosterbeek, Holland. |
| Cemetery | Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery, Holland. |
| Rank | Sergeant Glider Pilot |
| Branch of Service | The Glider Pilot Regiment, A.A.C., 2nd Wing, RAF |



Peter Bailey (K34-39) has included the following thoughts in the SOF publication "Their Swords in our Keeping" which was first published in 2005

"I was an RAF Pilot on No. 233 Squadron and towed gliders on all three operations mentioned in the 'Glider Pilot' article on page 32 of The Old Framlinghamian of Spring 2004. All RAF and Glider Pilots carried out extensive training early in 1944 prior to the advent of D-Day. I was flying Dakotas from RAF Blakehill Farm (Transport Command) in Wiltshire and was fortunate enough to team up with **Bryan Hebblethwaite (R34 - 39)** who was a Glider Pilot. I towed Bryan in the second glider to be dropped on Pegasus Bridge on the night of 5/6 June. The six gliders of 6th Airborne Division made history that night by holding the bridge against heavy odds until relieved by the main force. Bryan and his co-pilot Banks returned to our unit unscathed about two weeks later amid much celebration!

The next airborne operation, 'Market Garden,' at Arnhem was to follow on 17 September and it was my privilege again to tow Brian with Banks piloting their Horsa Glider with 1st Airborne Division. The operation suffered huge losses and sadly both Brian and Banks were killed by mortar fire on 19 September fighting in the ground battle. Brian was a very special friend and so modest - what a waste of life, aged 21 years. I have visited Brian's grave on one of my visits to Oosterbeek Cemetery."

