

DEREK JACK WARNER (24-29)



Date of Birth	31 October 1912
School Information	County Council Scholar.
Career Information	Qualified as an accountant
Date Of Death	11 April 1944
Cause of Death	Killed in an accident while on active service.
Location	Streatham, London
Cemetery	Streatham Park Cemetery – plot Square 15A. Grave 41438
Rank	Trooper
Branch of Service	Royal Armoured Corps, 11th Hussars



My thanks to his son Dr Robert W Warner for providing most of the following biography.

Derek was born on 31 October 1912 and came to the College on a scholarship as County Council Scholar from Brandeston Village .

After leaving the College he qualified as an accountant. During the start of WW2 he became a constable in the Metropolitan Police War Reserve and served in the Force throughout the heavy bombing raid of London during 1940-41.

In 1943 he joined up and served in the Royal Armoured Corps, 11th Hussar Regiment. He was killed on 11 April 1944 while on active service and is buried in Streatham Park Cemetery. The following obituary appeared in the Suffolk Chronicle & Mercury on 28 April 1944.



This scroll commemorates

Trooper D. J. Warner
11th Hussars

held in honour as one who served King and Country in the world war of 1939-1945 and gave his life to save mankind from tyranny. May his sacrifice help to bring the peace and freedom for which he died.

The funeral took place at Streatham Park on Thursday of Trooper Derek Jack Warner, of a Hussar Regiment, youngest son of ex-Police-sergt. John Warner, late of the Ipswich Borough Police, and Mrs. Warner, of Friday Street, Brandeston, who was killed in an accident while on active service. Prior to joining the Forces a year ago Trooper Warner, a married man with a baby son, was a constable in the Metropolitan Police War Reserve, and served in the Force throughout the 1940-41 heavy raiding on London. He won a scholarship from Brandeston village school and completed his education at Framlingham College. At the funeral the coffin, draped with a Union Jack, was carried by Hussars under Lieut. Eric Young, and the police were represented by regular and auxiliary officers under Sub-Divisional Insp. Paleman, of Streatham. Floral tributes included those from his unit and comrades, the police of Streatham station, and the staff of Clarke, Pickering and Co., where he followed his civil occupation of accountant.

His son has also provided the following photo of his mother (Violet May Warner nee Godsell) and father on a tandem, accompanied by Derek's elder brother (Reginald Cecil Warner). Reginald served in the Metropolitan Police, retired as Sergeant at Waltham Abbey Police Station, Essex. Derek and Reginald married two sisters.



His son has also provided the following photos of school prizes and a cutting from the EADT dated 4 July 1949 that marks the unveiling of the WW2 Chapel Memorial, which names his father.:-





