

LT GLYN BATEMAN WHITTAKER (35-42)

The following is taken from the Autumn 1993 OF Magazine :-

M. F. H. DOBSON, SQ. LDR. (34-42) having read the 'Second Sixty Years', Mike says – with great nostalgia – he is wondering if the many people who knew GLYN WHITTAKER (1935-42) would like to be reminded of Glyn in these two pictures. Glyn spent some time of his last summer holidays with Mike at Huntingfield and his mother said of him, 'what a presence that boy has, but such a tragic face'. Sadly she was proved right. After the war he met Glyn's parents at Southwold and Glyn's mother gave him the photograph of Glyn in uniform which was believed to have been taken at Wareham, Dorset after his commissioning in the Royal Marines. Whittaker died of wounds in Normandy in 1944.



The squash team of 1942 shows PETER COLEMAN (39-43), Mr THOMAS, DEREK SEAGROVE (39-44), MIKE DOBSON (1934-42), GLYN WHITTAKER (35-42), and MIKE GARRARD (36-42). They only played three matches owing to travel restrictions and lack of opposition. Glyn was a far superior player to any of the others and he regularly won the Senior Squash Competition. In his last term, Glyn voluntarily scratched and allowed Mike to win! He still has the cup, and memories of the nature of 'that brave and valued friend.'

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He's middle front row in the following 1942 Squash Team photo.



In October 2014 there was an OF visit to his grave at Ranville War Cemetery in northern France and a cross was placed at this grave with a message from his friend John Waugh (K41-48)







In 2015 Claire Abbott was in touch about Glyn and Richard Whittaker who were her 94 year old Grandmother's cousins. She said her grandmother was moved to tears when told that Richard's medals were on display in the Headmasters office, and that both brothers were still remembered by the school. She and her family visited Ranville War Cemetery in August 2015 and sent the following picture of her children at Gyn's grave.



In 2023 Claire reported that her she and her family had been back to Ranville cemetery to pay our respects to Glyn Whittaker.



She also sent the following photo of her great grandmother, Ethel, with her parents and her two brothers. The boy on the right is Richard H Whittaker who was the father of Glyn and his brother Richard.

