
Guy Michael MORDAUNT (1917-1945)

Guy Michael Mordaunt's connection to North Lopham is by burial and parent's residence.

Guy Michael MORDAUNT, son of Christopher John MORDAUNT (1879-c. 1954) and Mary Patricia CAUTLEY (1885-c. 1975), was born on 2 March 1917 in St. Albans, Hertfordshire.¹

On 28 December 1934 there was a newspaper report in the Diss Echo:

Two accidents, fortunately not attended by serious consequences, occurred at Stowmarket on Sunday. During the morning at the junction of Tavern Street and Violet Hill a pedal cycle and a motor lorry were involved in a collision. The cyclist was Miss Bertha Greengrass of 1 Council Houses, Onehouse who was proceeding towards the town from the direction of Great Finborough and the lorry driven by Mr Guy Michael Mordaunt of Thelveton Manor, Thelveton, Diss was proceeding towards the CWS Creamery via Tavern Street. Miss Greengrass had a somewhat remarkable escape from serious injury. Happily, she was thrown clear of the lorry and sustained only a slight abrasion on her left knee and shock. The cycle however was extensively damaged.

Very little has been found relating to Guy's R.A.F. service. He was in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, sergeant, ser. no. 535363. He had spent a year in India and at some point he was part of the 1655 Mosquito Training Unit, based at Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire. There is a reference to Guy receiving the King George VI Coronation Medal in 1937. The entry shows: Mardaunt / Guy Michael / 535363 A.C.S. / R.A.F. Station Mildenhall / U.K.5.B. It appears he was in the R.A.F. prior to the start of WW2.

Guy died on 23 January 1945 in Derbyshire - he died in hospital, probably the Rockside Hydro (RAF Hospital), in Matlock. No record of Guy's injuries have been found to warrant his being in hospital except that he was on

active service when they happened.²

He was buried on 29 January 1945 in North Lopham, Norfolk - aged 27 years. He is commorated in North Lopham Cemetery - "535363 SERGEANT / G. M. MORDAUNT / ROYAL AIR FORCE / 23RD JANUARY 1945 / BLESSED / ARE THE PURE IN HEART: / FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD"

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission grave registration entry for Guy was

NORTH LOPHAM CEMETERY

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MORDAUNT, Sgt. GUY MICHAEL, 535363. R.A.F. (V.R.). 23 January, 1945. Son of Christopher John and Mary Patricia Mordaunt, of North Lopham. Cons. Ground. Grave 506.

Guy had his estate probated in 1945 in Llandudno - "MORDAUNT Guy Michael of The Limes North Lopham Diss Norfolk died 23 January 1945 at The R.A.F. Hospital Matlock Derbyshire Administration Llandudno 8 June to Christopher John Mordaunt retired captain mercantile marine. Effects £361 1s. 8d."³

On 9 February 1945 there was a newspaper report in the Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express:

LOPHAM, NORTH

THE LATE SGT. G. M. MORDAUNT

The funeral took place last week of Sgt. Guy Michael Mordaunt, R.A.F., youngest son of Capt. C. T. and Mrs. Mordaunt, of The Limes, North Lopham, who died in hospital, aged 27.

Sergt. Mordaunt was in the R.A.F. before the war and recently completed a year's service in India.

The Rector (Rev. J. T. Poole) and the Rector of Quidenham, officiated. Mrs. T. Stevens was at the organ. The many wreaths included one from an R.A.F. station.

Sources

1. *CR Birth*. 1917 Q2 St. Albans Hertfordshire Vol 3A Page 1244. Cit. Date: Q2 1917.
2. *CR Death*. 1945 Q1 Bakewell Derbyshire Vol 7B Page 1051. Cit. Date: Q1 1945.
3. *National Probate Calendar*. 1945 Page 770. Cit. Date: 8 June 1945.