
Cecil Stanley Marshall WOODE (c. 1904-1925)

Cecil Stanley Marshall WOODE, son of Charles Edward WOODE (1872-1952) and Margaret Ethel MARSHALL (1872-1952), was born circa 1904 in Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.¹ He was baptised on 9 October 1904 in Greenhill, Harrow, London - father given as Curate of Greenhill. Cecil appeared in the census in 1911 at The Rectory in Fersfield, Norfolk - 6, living with parents Charles Edward (38, Clergyman in the Established Church) and Margaret Ethel (38), brothers Francis Meredith Marshall (4) and Wilfred Derek Marshall (2), and general domestic servants Gladys Lawrence PINNOCK (16) and Laura Agnes LUSHER (14).² Cecil appeared in the census in 1921 at The Grammar School, The Close in Norwich, Norfolk - 16:10, a boarder and full time scholar at the school.³ Cecil died on 27 February 1925 in Bircham Newton, Norfolk.⁴ On 27 February 1925 an Avro 504K of 99 (bombing) Squadron RAF, registration H3083, crashed on approach to RAF Bircham Newton. The crew was completing a local training mission and on the landing approach, the aircraft entered a dive and crashed. There were two crew members on board; Pilot Officer Cecil Stanley Marshall Woode (pilot, aged 20) was killed, AC1 Ernest Forrester (Service Number 253189) was seriously injured. The aircraft was damaged beyond repair, Cecil was buried on 4 March 1925 in Fersfield - his residence given as Bircham Newton Aerodrome. Cecil is mentioned in the R.A.F. No. 99 Squadron Operations Record Book "BIRCHAM NEWTON; 27.2.25; Pilot Officer C.S.M. Woode (an ex CRANWELL Cadet) was killed in an Avro 504K (This is the only fatal accident in No. 99 (B) Squadron) (to date)".

Sources

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4. *CR Death*. 1925 Q1 Docking Norfolk Vol 4B Page 370. Cit. Date: Q1 1925.