

42F (King's Lynn) Squadron
Air Training Corps



Memorial Dedication
2nd January 2012

CIVILIAN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
MIKE HISTAL

Research into the history of our Squadron for a 70th Anniversary project produced, from our wealth of archive material, wartime newspaper reports of the deaths, or missing in action, of a number of young men. Further investigation of the original cadet lists 1939 – 1946 revealed that these cuttings referred to earlier members of 42 Founder (King's Lynn) Sqn who had on reaching age joined the Services.

Once it was known that these young men, only a year or two older than our current cadets, had lost their lives it was a natural decision to work towards the construction of a lasting memorial in their memory.

We were donated an aircraft propeller blade by the Fenland Aviation Museum and this, after partial restoration, has become the centre piece of 42F's memorial to its 'Fallen'.

This propeller blade, recovered from The Wash in 2004 with other wreckage, is from RAF Mosquito FB MkVI NS998 of 85 Squadron, the crew of which we are also honoured to remember on this memorial.

The Dedication

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CANTON ROYAL NAVY TUCK

Padre: In friendship and service one to another, we are pledged to keep alive the memory of those of all nations, who died in the Royal Navy, our Army and Royal Air Force. In their name we give ourselves to this noble cause.

All: Proudly and thankfully we will remember them.

✓ *SAN C.O. FLT LT PAULINE PETCH*
Member of 42F: Let us remember those who have died for their country in war and peace; those whom we knew, and those whose memory we treasure, and all who lived and died in the service of their country and mankind.

✓ *GR WALLACE O.F. ED BARRETT*
42F Cadet: Reads the names of those known members of 42F (King's Lynn) Squadron who lost their lives.

All: May they rest in peace.

PLS CHIEF. LIONEL JACKSON (CADET 1942)

✓ **Member of 42F:** They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn, at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

All: We will remember them.

The Last Post: All stand.

The Silence: All stand.

Reveille: All stand.

A Cadet: When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today.

CP - Sgt Crowe Boss

Padre': Blessing of the memorial.

We dedicate this memorial O God to the memory of our fallen colleagues. May it be a reminder to all our cadets and staff both now and in the future of the sacrifice made by others on our behalf.

42F Civilian Committee Member: Poem.

MARGATH LAYING

'Do not stand at my grave and weep'

JILLIE WATSON

*GEOFF BULLOCK
Nº1. CADET*

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Numerous poems have been written about and for those who have lost their lives in conflict, the vast majority originating from the battlefields of the First World War.

Sadly there are few with us here who would have known those that we honour with this memorial today. Our 'Fallen' lay in cemeteries both local and in far off lands, and sadly, some have no known graves. This poem symbolises our hopes and beliefs as we stand at their grave markers, and also when we remember those whom we know not where they lie. Beyond our thoughts they are with us still.

Do not stand at my grave and weep

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush

of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry;

I am not there. I did not die.



The members of 42F (King's Lynn) Squadron, Air Training Corps, Staff, Cadets & Civilian Committee, wish to record their grateful thanks to all those who have assisted with or contributed towards the construction of this memorial.

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Fenland & West Norfolk Aviation Museum.

For the donation of the propeller blade.

Shaun Hodgson Engineering.

For the restoration and mounting of the propeller blade.

Royal Air Force Marham.

For the repainting of the propeller blade.

Kier Eastern & Jewson Ltd

For the materials to construct the memorial's plinth and base.

Mr. Michael Duncalf.

For his hard work, together with that of our Cadets, in constructing this lasting memorial.

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Thanks must also be given to The King's Lynn Rotary Club,

&

The numerous businesses, groups and individuals who have assisted us with donations, prizes and fund raising, all of which have made this project possible.



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42F (King's Lynn) Squadron

Wishes to record its gratitude to the

Reserve Forces Cadet Association

*For recognising the importance of establishing this
lasting memorial and granting permission for its
construction where it will also be a constant
inspiration to the cadets of the future.*

"The Next Generation"