

WW2 and Northern Ireland Burials at Christ Church Swindon

1 THOMAS BRADY CULLINAN WW2

Gunner

Service Number: 1543457

90 Bty., 35 Lt. A.A. Regt.

Royal Artillery

Died 11 April 1940

33 years old

SWINDON (CHRIST CHURCH) BURIAL GROUND

Northern. Grave 477.



Tommy Cullinan



Thomas was the son of Frederick George and Emily Frances Cullinan (nee Brady-Brown). His father (1860-1925) was a major in the Boer War and later became Sheriff for the town of Ennis, County Clare, Eire serving for 35 years. Tommy was born in Ennis, May 15, 1906. He started as an amateur jockey in 1923 aged 18. In 1927 he became the champion amateur. That year he came to England with Frank Barbour, former owner of the famous horse Easter Hero and he turned professional in January 1928. In April 1928 Tommy won the Irish Grand National on Don Sancho. He also came second in the Grand National at Aintree, Liverpool on a horse called Billy Barton, a horse trained in Wroughton, Wiltshire. It was a very eventful race with 41 horses falling or not finishing – even Tommy fell at fence 30 but remounted and completed the race. Only 2 horses finished that day.

It appears Tommy's mother, by this time a widow, followed her son to Wiltshire as they are listed as living here in Swindon and in our burial records Tommy's mother is recorded as buried in the same grave (3/2/1961)

In 1930 Tommy Cullinan achieved a unique treble. He won the Cheltenham Gold Cup on Easter Hero, the Champion Hurdle on Brown Tony and the Grand National on Shaun Goilin. The only jockey to ever do this. He is one of only six jockeys to have achieved the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National in the same year. Shaun Goilin was a chance ride in the 1930 Grand National as he had been due to ride Easter Hero but the horse fell lame. In Irish Shaun Goilin means 'John the Fairy'. After his win Tommy said –'I think there must be something of a fairy about him judging by the way he carried me to victory at Liverpool. He gave me the most marvellous ride'.

In 1936 he married Noreen Stella Barlow whose father owned a Kettering Confectionary firm.

In WW2 Tommy served as a private in an anti-aircraft unit based at an RAF station in Oxfordshire. His life came to a sad end. In spring 1940 on 11 April Thomas Brady Cullinan, returning from a night out on the town, was 'shot dead by a nervous sentry at the camp gate'. That was the story put about, in fact Thomas shot himself being depressed. The newspaper article reporting the inquest is available on the internet and it states that neither the evidence or the verdict was disclosed. Mr A Lett, South Oxfordshire coroner said 'It is not in the National interest that I should reveal it.

You can even watch Pathe Newsreel of the 1930 Grand National on the Internet!

2 SIDNEY FRANK GARRAWAY WW2

Aircraftman 2nd Class 917 Balloon Sqdn Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve Service no. 1164531

Killed 14 November 1940

27 years old

King's Commendation for Valuable Services in the Air.

Killed by a bomb when attempting to rescue trapped civilians from a bombed house in Coventry.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Garraway of Swindon. Husband of Hilda May Garraway of Swindon.

SWINDON (CHRIST CHURCH) BURIAL GROUND Extn. Grave 85.

3 EDWIN CYRIL GRAHAM WW2

Sergeant 210 Sqdn Royal Air Force Service no. 648550

Died 15 July 1941

26 years old

Son of Arthur and Muriel Graham. Married to Joyce Graham (first husband) see also Ivor Sansum

SWINDON (CHRIST CHURCH) BURIAL GROUND Extn. Joint grave 212.

4 **WILLIAM LUKE GREENWOOD WW2**

Leading Aircraftman Royal Airforce Reserve Service no. 1867849 U.T Observer

Killed 09 June 1945

43 years old

Son of Ernest Robert and Sarah Jane Greenwood, Swindon.

Husband of Mabel Irene Greenwood Swindon.

Family graves added - stone placed at base.

SWINDON (CHRIST CHURCH) BURIAL GROUND Southern. Grave 200.

5 **RONALD FREDERICK GEORGE GRIFFIN WW2**

Leading Aircraftman Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve Service no. 1338278

Killed 28 November 1941

19 years old

Son of Reginald Henry J. Griffin and Lily Ada Griffin, Swindon.

SWINDON (CHRIST CHURCH) BURIAL GROUND Extn. Grave 417.

6 **SIDNEY HOPKINS WW2**

Private Cheshire Regiment Service no. 4132797

Died 04 May 1941

21 years old

Son of Annie Hopkins of Swindon.

SWINDON (CHRIST CHURCH) BURIAL GROUND Northern. Grave 375.

7 **JOHN SAMUEL JARMAN WW2**

Sergeant Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve Service no. 1617852

Died 24 November 1944

Died at RAF Hospital, Wroughton.

Born in Aberystwyth 1908. Son of Thomas Edward and Esther Jarman, Swindon.

Between the wars the family moved to 7 Cumberland Ave Swindon. In 1939 John joined the RAF and worked at the Air Ministry as an Air Service Assistant Clerk. John is remembered on the Aberystwyth WW2 Memorial.

SWINDON (CHRIST CHURCH) BURIAL GROUND Extn. Grave 308

8 **ALAN LLOYD WW2**

Sergeant/Wireless Operator 107 Sqdn. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve Service no. 759055

Killed 23 February 1941

20 years old

Son of Clifford and Lily Lloyd Swindon.

23 Feb 41 **Aircraft:** Blenheim IV T2138 **Unit** 107 Squadron **Airfield /Crash**

Took off 1845 from Wattisham. On return crashed 2213 just to SW of Swanton Morley airfield Norfolk while trying to land.

SWINDON (CHRIST CHURCH) BURIAL GROUND Extn. Grave 173

9 **ALEXANDER TREVOR LOVEDAY WW2**

Private

Service Number: 14772341

Middlesex Regiment

Killed 19 January 1945

19 years old

SWINDON (CHRIST CHURCH) BURIAL GROUND Extn. Grave 222.

10 **DOUGLAS SPENCER MATTHEWS WW2**

Pilot Officer Royal Air Force 61 Sqdn. Service no.45522

Died 09 January 1942

23 years old

Son of Cecil Conrad and Mary Inglis Matthews, Swindon. Husband of E.D. Matthews, Swindon.

Lost in aircraft - Pilot Officer D S Matthews, Pilot Officer T I R Wilson: killed; Flying Officer C A Giles (RAAF), Sergeant K Brown: injured; Manchester R5789, 61 Squadron; aircraft crashed at Wiltshire Cross after take-off for an operational flight, 9 January 1942. Took off from North Luffenham. While outbound the starboard engine caught fire and the heavily laden bomber began to lose height.

SWINDON (CHRIST CHURCH) BURIAL GROUND Extn. Grave 341.

11 **DESMOND CYRIL MORRISON WW2**

Sergeant Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve Service no. 924185

Killed 21 March 1941

19 years old

Wireless Operator on Blenheim 1v v5815. Aircraft accident 3 Radio Training School. All crew killed.

SWINDON (CHRIST CHURCH) BURIAL GROUND Extn. Grave 22.

12 **RICHARD HARRY NEWMAN WW2**

Sapper Royal Engineer 34 The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt. Service no. 2039946 Anti-Aircraft Bn. 336Bty.

Died 21st March 1940

Age 33

SWINDON (CHRIST CHURCH) BURIAL GROUND 918 Central

13 **IVOR JOHN SANSUM WW2**

Warrant Officer Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve 187 Sqdn. Service no. 1311760

Killed 07 October 1946

26 years old

Son of Wilfred John and Kathleen Elsie Sansum. Husband of Joyce Sansum, of Stoke Newington, London (Joyce was first married to Edwin Cyril Graham – see above)

SWINDON (CHRIST CHURCH) BURIAL GROUND Extn. Joint grave 212.

HUBERT KENNETH SMITH WW2

Flying Officer Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve Service no. 88714

Killed 07 April 1942

Buried with his mother Lizzie Smith who died 19th September 1931

SWINDON (CHRIST CHURCH) BURIAL GROUND Central. Grave 877.

ALSO 1979

RAYMOND DUNN

Parachute Regiment Private Service no. 24372896

Killed 27 August 1979

**SWINDON (CHRIST CHURCH) BURIAL GROUND Lower Lawn LL/00094-
REMEMBERED AT- NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM, STAFFS.**

Warren Point IRA bomb

18 servicemen died in this bombing. Earlier on that day Lord Mountbatten and several others were killed being blown up by an IRA bomb sailing in their small boat at Mullaghmore, County Sligo



