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2735784 Lance Corporal William "Bill" Henry Morgan Welsh Guards



Bill was born in 1916, eldest child to Richard and Myfanwy Morgan. His siblings were, Dilwyn, Edith and Doris.

Brought up on Llynenna Farm, Groesfaen he attended Miskin School. Aged eleven, Bill was awarded a scholarship to Pontypridd Boys Grammar school. He left at 16 with his school certificate and joined SPILLARS & Co working in the office. While working, Bill continued his education via Cardiff Technical College focussing on

accountancy and financial affairs. In November 1939 he passed his Chartered Institute of Secretaries Intermediate examinations

With the war starting Bill joined up and was posted to the 2nd Battalion Welsh Guards. The Battalion became armoured and by 1944 formed the armoured reconnaissance of the Guards Division.

In 1944 Bill married at St Mary's Paddington; even though the church had been severely damaged by bombing.

The Guards Division began to land at Normandy from the 17th June 1944. It took part in "Operation Goodwood" with the 7th and 11th Armoured Divisions from the 18th of July and from 30th July "Operation Bluecoat". After heavy fighting the division was transferred to XXXth Corps and was reorganised. The 2nd Welsh Guards was transferred to 32nd Brigade to form a Battle Corps with the infantry of the Coldstream Guards.

With the German front collapsing Bills' division attacked towards Brussels and on the 3rd September 1944 Bill's tank was one of the first to enter Brussels when the city was liberated.

The division pushed eastwards and four days later, on the 7th Sept, Bill was killed in action at Beringen, Belgium. He was 28.

William Henry Morgan was buried in Geel War Cemetery, Antwerpen, Belgium. Plot IV C9

992269 Sergeant John Edward Morgan RAFVR

John was the son of John Henry and Jane Morgan of Groesfaen. He was married to Mary Morgan of Portadown, Co Armagh in Northern Ireland. They had a daughter Jean who was born in May 1945, three months after John's death.

John Morgan was a Flight engineer with the 1674 Heavy Conversion Unit, part of 17 Group RAF Coastal Command. This unit based from RAF Aldermore principally trained airmen to use Liberator bombers.

On 16 February 1945, his crew was on a practice night-time radar homing exercise in a Consolidated Liberator bomber, serial number EV954. They were requested to circle the airfield, but the aircraft flew out of the circuit while on automatic pilot and crashed into the eastern slopes of The Collin at 4.30am, killing seven of the crew. John was 32 when he died.

A memorial to the airmen was officially unveiled at a ceremony in War Memorial Park, Ballyclare on Thursday 27 November 2014.

John Edward Morgan is buried in St David's Churchyard Groesfaen. His grave and memorial headstone can be seen towards the back of the Churchyard

2734874 Lance Corporal David Howard Llewellyn Welsh Guards

David was born around 1920 to William and Jennifer Llewellyn. He was married to Lucretia Llewellyn of Nelson, Treharris

He served in the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards

The 1st Battalion fought in all the campaigns of the North-West European Theatre. They were part of the British Expeditionary force in Belgium in May 1940 and were some of those evacuated at Dunkirk.

The 1st battalion formed the infantry of the Guards Armoured Division (the 2nd providing the tanks) The division was involved in the Battle of Normandy and the liberation of Brussels in September 1944.

David was killed in Normandy on 12 August 1944; the First day of the Battle of the Falaise pocket. He was aged 24.

David Howard Llewellyn is buried at Bayeux War cemetery in France – plot XXV1.E.17

