

**Bryanston Remembers  
Those who died in active service**

**Those who died in active service during the month of May between 1939 and 1945**

Connaught House – 1  
Hardy House – 1  
Portman House – 3  
Salisbury House – 1  
Shaftesbury House – 2

**Resting place**

Egypt – 1  
France – 1  
India – 1  
Italy – 1  
North Africa – 1  
UK – 2

**Francis Michael Armstrong**  
**Shaftesbury House 1936 – 40**

His Mother presented a light pair to the Boat Club in his memory.

Rank: Civilian  
Age: 19 years old  
Died: 11th May 1941  
Service: A.R.P Warden  
Resting Place: **Kensington** Metropolitan Borough  
Details: Died as a result of a direct hit at Elvaston Place London SW7. Commemorated in the Civilian War Dead Roll of Honour in St George's Chapel, Westminster Abbey.

**Gilbert Charles Barclay**  
**Connaught House 1930 – 35, House captain and scholar**

“A personality of great charm with impeccable manners and an unusual standard of courtesy. Deeply religious his nature was in all things kind and friendly, but he was capable of taking a firm line of opposition if his strongly held principles seemed to demand it.”

Rank: Lieutenant  
Age: 27 years old  
Died: 5th May 1944  
Service: 2nd Bn Royal Norfolk Regiment  
Resting Place: Kohima War Cemetery, **India**  
Son of Gilbert Arthur and Dorothy Catherine Topsy Barclay;  
husband of Rome Flora Barclay, of Aboyne, Aberdeenshire.



John Edward Bertie

Salisbury House 1934 – 37

“High spirited and lively, John Bertie was the kind of boy who was frequently in trouble at school, but whom everyone liked, and who took his punishments with unfailing good humour, and never showed the slightest trace of resentment or ill will towards those in authority. He was honest, straight-forward at all times, and a very likeable personality.”

Rank: Lieutenant

Age: 22 years old

Died: 9th May 1943

Service: R.A.C 13/18th Lancers attached to 17/21st Lancers

Resting Place: Enfidaville War Cemetery [Tunisia](#). Plot 7, Row D, Grave 25



Peter Landless Greaves

Portman House 1938 – 42

Rank: Sergeant (Pilot)

Age: 21 years old

Died: 13th May 1945

Service: R.A.F.V.R.

Resting Place: Forli War Cemetery, [Italy](#)

Details: 112 Sqdn Mustang Mk IVA KH763/GA F Engine failure near Forli, pilot attempted to land, hit a ditch, overturned and burned KIFA first post war casualty

Son of Capt. John Greaves and the late Mary Wallwork Greaves, of Bicknoller, Somerset. Member of the Desert Air Force.



Thomas Nicholas Halford

Portman House 1933 – 38

Rank: Lieutenant

Age: 20 years old

Died: 29th May 1940

Service: Royal Artillery

Resting Place: [Dunkirk](#) Memorial, France Column 7

Details: Got his men safely on board on Dunkirk but was killed before he himself got on the boat. Parents gave his savings and some more finance for a bursary.

Charles Ian March

Hardy House 1940 – 43, Prefect

“At school his quiet serious air hardly revealed his strong qualities of single-mindedness and great moral courage which gave his character such firmness and strength. The remaining three out of the Dryden quartet will remember with gratitude the happy friendship which bound them together. His loyalty, devotion and complete reliability are characteristics to be emulated.” EMW

Rank: F/O

Age: 23 years old

Died: 25th May 1948

Service: RAF 141 Sqn

Details: Killed in flying accident

Patrick Bernard Gillian McLean

Shaftesbury House 1934 – 37

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

Age: 21 years old

Died: 26th May 1940

Service: 1st Bt Queens Own Cameron Highlanders

Resting Place: Bristol (Arnos Vale) Crematorium Panel 2

Robert Peter Smallbones

Portman House 1930 – 33

“When I think of Peter Smallbones as a small boy I think of him at rehearsals. I remember him as an attractive Lucinde in *Le Medecin Malgre Lui* ... In *Tobias and the Angel* he was the original Anna but his voice broke and he could only sob with a booming roar of grief in the last act and so it was left to Jasper Sayer. He was responsible for the introduction of the hobby of Book Binding and was able to see the flourishing state of this activity when he paid us a visit last spring.”

Rank: Lieutenant

Age: 24 years old

Died: 17th May 1941

Service: Intelligence Corps/General List

Resting Place: Cairo War Memorial Cemetery Plot K Grave 27