

## GEOFFREY MOON (School Years 1931-34)

Mike Nancollas of Gillingham Kent writes :-

I believe once he left your school he went to Gillingham Grammar School where he met my father - Maurice Nancollas. Geoff was a great friend of my father's and my Grandmother used to tell me lots of stories of their antics at various concerts and camps. Geoff was Dad's Best Man at his wedding on 2<sup>nd</sup>. March 1940.

Geoffrey was killed in a flying accident near to Salisbury on 29/07/1940 and is buried in Upavon cemetery The grave next to his is the instructor pilot flying with him. They died together and are buried next to each other. Their plane was an Avro trainer biplane.

We have a picture of a ~~Moon~~(no Christian name given) in the 1932 panorama. However, the lad pictured looks rather older than we believe Geoffrey would have been so may not be him.

Geoffrey was mentioned in five editions of ~~The Barbican~~:-

Barbican #3 (Spring 1933)  
COUNTY INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARSHIPS : G. E. Moon

Barbican #5 (Dec 1934)  
VALETE To the following we bid good-bye :-  
Moon, G. C. (GC believed to be a typo for GE !)

Barbican #14 (Jan 1940)  
A brief mention in a list of those serving in forces.

Barbican #15 (Dec 1940)  
PILOT-OFFICER GEOFFREY MOON (1931-34), R.A.F.

Geoff Moon was killed in a crash while engaged in instructional duties. His death is a sad loss to the R.A.F. and to all who knew him. His career in the Air Force had been brilliant. A Sergeant Pilot when war broke out, he passed out with the mark " Exceptional," was granted a commission and sent as a member of the Staff of the Central Flying School. This school trains instructors. Moon was, therefore, an instructor to instructors. The writer was informed by an Air Ministry Officer, that only brilliant pilots form the staff. His was a gay and gallant, spirit.

Barbican #18 (Spring 1943)  
Death of Ronald Mackie reported; Moon mentioned as having been killed whilst flying from same establishment.

