

WING COMMANDER COLIN FRANK MORTLOCK CHAPMAN OBE (32-36)

Date of Birth	25 November 1918 in Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk
School Information	Foundation scholar. Head Prefect CSM, OTC cert. Squash team 1935, keeper 1936.
Career Information	Entered R.A.F. Cranwell in 1937, where he was captain of squash and cricket. Granted permanent commission as Pilot Officer from Cranwell with effect from 17th December, 1938. Married in Surrey in 1943.
Date Of Death	29 September 1944
Cause of Death	See below
Location	Merstham, Surrey
Cemetery	Caterham and Warlingham (Caterham) Burial Ground Plot Sec. M. Grave 2.
Rank	Wing Commander
Branch of Service	Royal Air Force, Second Tactical Air Force, 140 Squadron

Our thanks to David Cooke, Secretary, Cobham Conservation and Heritage Trust, for the following additional information :

Husband of Barbara Sylvia Chapman, of Cobham. Parents born in Bury St. Edmunds, living there in 1911, father's occupation surveyor, mother's occupation dance teacher. Father died in 1924. Educated at Framlingham College , where he became head prefect.

Entered R.A.F. Cranwell in 1937, where he was captain of squash and cricket. Married in Surrey.

Granted permanent commission as Pilot Officer from Cranwell with effect from 17th December, 1938. Served with 2 Squadron, flying Lysanders, which went to France in October 1939, returning to England on 19th May, 1940. On 29th May, his aircraft hit by flak near Dunkirk during a tactical reconnaissance flight from R.A.F. Bekebourne, landed safely at Hawkinge after flying with full left bank, full left rudder and no control below 100m.p.h. Recommended for staff course, afterwards joining staff of Second Tactical Air Force. Took command on 20th September 1944 of 140 Squadron, flying Mosquito photo-reconnaissance aircraft, based at Amiens before moving to Melsbroek, Belgium.

Killed flying as a passenger on Avro Anson NK607 from Northolt to Melsbroek. The aircraft hit trees at Dean Lane , Merstham, Surrey in mist.

Awarded O.B.E. 28th November, 1944.

Resident at Kingfisher Court, East Molesey in 1944, his wife living at Tressmere, Oxshott Way, Cobham in 1946.

His grandson S/Lt. Guy Chapman was killed on a training flight in a Gazelle helicopter in 1995, serving with 705 Naval Air Squadron.