

Photographs and illustrations



Soldiers billeted at Deddington House marching out of the courtyard



Pilot Officer Lawrence Pyman RAFVR (*far right*) with 65 Squadron Spitfire



Compton Bassett Radio School, Wiltshire, June 1943

(Standing l to r) Daphne Tucker , others unknown

(Seated l to r) Lily Pringle, Margaret Morton, Joan Pittaway, AN other with dog



'Nobby' Clarke



Pam Dance



Leslie Drinkwater



Fred Ellis



Ron Harper



Walter Hayward



Bill Ivings



Harold Pratt



Tom Pratt



Bill Spiers



Bob Stevens



Bernard Sykes



Frank Tarling



Joe Tarling



Ken Tarling



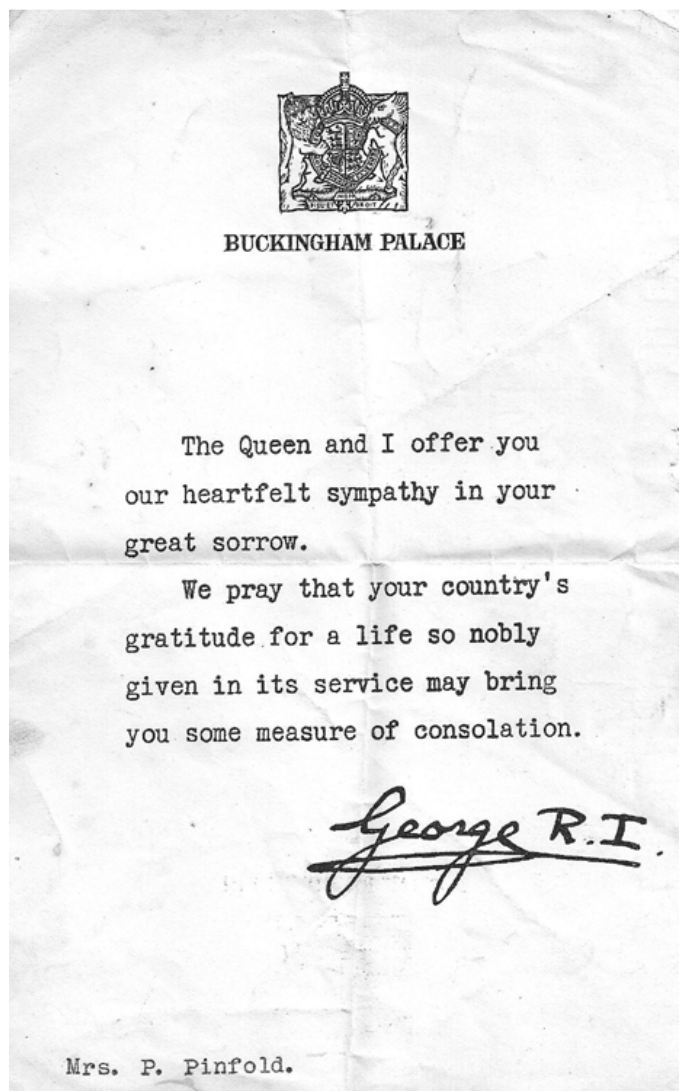
Len Tustain



HRH The Duchess of Gloucester inspecting the WAAF contingent at Chicksands Priory when Michael Allbrook's mother, Squadron Officer Gwenda Allbrook, was stationed there

Stoker Edward Bostock Dumbleton

Edward died on 24 March 1941 in a dockside accident while serving on *HMS Manchester* which was being refitted after its role in the Norwegian Campaign.



This letter of condolence is now in the possession of Marguerite Weigand, née Pinfold, who is the granddaughter of Elizabeth Pinfold - mother of Percival Pinfold killed in action in 1917 (p.28). She was listed as Edward's next-of-kin.

Marguerite recounts 'My Dad, Frederick, went to his funeral and on the way back the train had to stop in a tunnel all night because the Germans were bombing Coventry.'



**Bicester airfield - 2001
WWII Control Tower and Gun Emplacement**

Photograph courtesy of Robert Truman

The airfield was first opened in 1917 for the Royal Flying Corps