



GEORGE FREDERICK DELMAR-WILLIAMSON

Lieutenant, Royal Air Force, formerly of the Black Watch

Died in a flying accident in England on 12 July 1918, aged 19

Address: 8 Lansdown Place, Cheltenham

He is buried in Leckhampton Churchyard (Plot E.164) and named on the War Memorials at Leckhampton and Cheltenham and at Cheltenham College.

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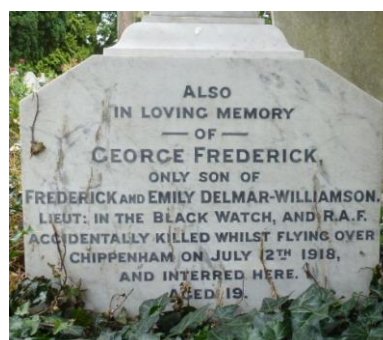
George Frederick Delmar-Williamson was born in Notting Hill, the only son of Frederick Delmar-Williamson, a noted musician of his day, and Emily Rowley Delmar-Williamson of the above address and later of Firs Lodge, 26 Moorend Road. He was educated at Glyngarth School and attended Cheltenham College from 1913 to 1915, after which he entered the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

His first posting was as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Black Watch but in 1916 he was attached to the Royal Flying Corps, gaining his wings at Vendôme in 1917. He carried out photographic reconnaissance on the Western Front but was invalided home in August 1917, suffering from concussion. After recovering he was put on anti-air raid duties over England, including missions against zeppelins.

In March 1918 he was appointed as a flying instructor at Yatesbury, Wiltshire. In the newly formed Royal Air Force, he was test flying an RE 8 biplane over Chippenham when it collapsed in mid-air. Both he and his co-pilot, Captain Douglas Gabell (also from Cheltenham: the Gabell Wing of Delancey Hospital was named after his clergyman father) were killed in the crash. Lieutenant Delmar-Williamson was buried with full military honours in Leckhampton Churchyard. His parents, who died in 1942 and 1943, are buried in the same plot.

Details from Lieutenant Delmar-Williamson's grave in Leckhampton Churchyard

Photos – Eric Miller



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The wreckage of the RE 8 biplane in which G F Delmar-Williamson and his friend and colleague Douglas Gabell died

Photo from <http://www.remembering.org.uk> website



Douglas Gabell's grave in St Lawrence's Churchyard, Swindon Village

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