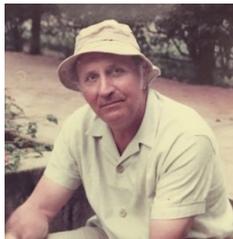


<p>Sapper Royal Engineers 10534510</p> 	<p><b>William Matthews</b></p>  <p><b>Photos courtesy of Howard Matthews (son)</b></p>	<p>Oak Villa, Long Acre East</p>	<p>Source: Returning Forces Fund/newspapers</p> <p>Additional information kindly supplied by William's son, Howard Matthews</p>
<p>Born</p>	<p>November 29<sup>th</sup> 1920 Mansfield Woodhouse</p> <p>Photos and family.</p>		

<p>War service</p>	<p>August 1943: took part in Operation Barclay landings in Greece, a subsidiary part of Operation Mincemeat. A fake corpse was used to give misleading information to the Germans. Matthews took part in the pretend invasion of Greece – (Operation Barclay) that was ‘leaked’ in Operation Mincemeat. He was reported missing 16<sup>th</sup> November 1943 (Grantham Journal 7<sup>th</sup> January).</p> 		
<p>Marriage/ children</p>	<p>William married Joan Eleanor Nicholson in Bingham March 31<sup>st</sup> 1943 Children: Jonathan, Basford January 1946 Howard, Leicester April 1951</p>	<p>They lived in Fairfield Street</p>	
<p>Parents</p>	<p>Father: Robert Fred Matthews, b. July 24 1887 Kidney Wood Bedfordshire; d 1970 Grantham. RFM served with Lincolnshire Regiment in WW1, 7624, 1914/18 star plus British and Victory medals Mother: Lilian Tate b. Gainsborough Mar 3 1889; d Grantham 1966 Married Mar qtr Gainsborough 1918 7a 1423 Children: William, Irene, Constance, [all born Mansfield] Edith [born Southwell]</p>		

<p>William's Family 1939 Register</p>	<p>Grantham Road, Bingham, later Oak Villa, Long Acre East  Robert F Matthews, b 24 July 1887  Lilian Matthews, b. 3 March 1889  Record closed  Irene Matthews, b. 9 August 1922, Mansfield  Constance M Matthews, b. 10 Oct 1923, Mansfield  Edith Matthews, b 17 Dec 1924, Southwell  [later m. <a href="#">McGeorge</a>, then m. Roe]</p>	<p>Police officer (nb became Sergeant)   General office worker  Shorthand typist  Unpaid domestic duties</p>	
<p>Wife's family 1939 Register</p>	<p>New Haven, Fairfield Street, Bingham  Garnet Nicholson, b. 5 June 1879,  Georgina Maud Nicholson, 15 October 1851  Joan Eleanor Nicholson (later Matthews), b. 22 July 1921  Pamela Maud Nicholson, (later Berry) b. 19 April 1923  Jack Berry, b. 3 November 1916</p>	<p>Schools Attendance Officer; well-known local photographer  Student   School  Asst. cashier building trade</p>	
<p>Father's Family Census 1911</p>	<p>61 Ashcroft Road Gainsborough  Grandfather: William Matthews  Grandmother: Anna Matthews  Father' sibling: Anna Lilian, b. Lincoln 1903  Father's niece: Ivy May Matthews (g/d of William and Anna) b. Lincoln 1902</p>	<p>NOTE: Can't find father Robert F in 1911 census  Gamekeeper (retired)</p>	
<p>Parents' marriage 1908</p>	<p>Robert Fred Matthews married Lilian Tate in Gainsborough March qtr 1908</p>		
<p>Father's Family Census 1901</p>	<p>59 Ashcroft Road, Gainsborough  Grandfather: William Matthews b. 1853 Gayton Norfolk;  Grandmother: Anna Matthews, b.1862 Fincham Norfolk  Minnie, b. 1882 Gibraltar Hertfordshire  May, b.1886 Kidney Wood Bedfordshire  Robert F b. 1888 Kidney Wood Hertfordshire</p>	<p>Gamekeeper   Cook/general domestic  Housemaid domestic  school</p>	

	Bessie, b. 1891 Kidney Wood, Bedfordshire Ada, b. 1896 Kidney Wood, Bedfordshire	
Mothers Family Census 1911	1 Union Mill Cottage, Gainsborough Grandfather: Edwin Tate, Grandmother: Sarah Tate Mother's siblings: Fred Tate Hilda Tate	
Mothers Family Census 1901	Union Mill Cottages, Gainsborough Grandfather: Edwin Tate, b. 1865, Gainsborough Grandmother: Sarah Tate, b. 1867 Gainsborough Mother: Lilian Tate, b. 1889 Gainsborough Mother's siblings: Fred Tate, b. 1892 Gainsborough Hilda Tate, b. 1895 Gainsborough	Iron Turner (Fitter)
Post War	<p>Nottingham Evening Post, 8 July 1948: Chartered Surveyors' Examinations list of candidates who have passed this year's examinations was issued to-day by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Results included: Special Ex-Service Examination Land Agency... W. Matthews, Bingham.</p> <p>William's father and mother bought a house on High Street Bottesford which remained the family home for many years.</p> <p>When William retired from the NCB he took a contract on a Geothermal Power Station in the Rift Valley in Kenya. He said that they were some of the best days of his life.</p>	  
Death and probate	Garnet Nicholson died 15 September 1952 at Sherwood Hospital.	

	<p>Home address The Anchorage, Fairfield St. £1959. Executor Jack Berry Factory manager</p>
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Robert F Matthews died Grantham 28 March 1970

Lilian Matthews (née Tate) died Grantham 26 April 1966

William Matthews died Melton Mowbray 15 October 1993