



## FREEDOM, WE DIED FOR YOU

Over 2,000 Old Blues served in the Armed Forces and Merchant Navy in World War Two, of whom 197 died. A further 15 were civilians caught up in the conflict, mostly in the bombing. Their names are on the Dining Hall War Memorial and there is a ceremony on every Remembrance Sunday, but who were they, the real people behind each of those names? This major addition to Christ's Hospital literature tells the story of each of them, tracing their lives, and placing each death in context. It is a story that excites both sorrow and pride: sadness that so many lives, most of them young, were cut short, a few within months of leaving school, but tempered by pride that they did their duty. Running through virtually all these stories are two themes: leadership by example and from the front; and, not unrelated, of service to others, especially those under their command.

Some died in famous campaigns—the Battle of the Atlantic, the Russian convoys, Alamein, Normandy, the Reichswald, and in the Battle of Britain and the long battle fought by Bomber Command. Others suffered lonely deaths in remote, long-forgotten spots. Farthest afield was Nigel Huntington (PeB 1929-36), one of 517 prisoners-of-war sent to construct an airfield on a remote Pacific island; their task completed, their Japanese captors killed them all – not one survived. At Walcheren, David Flory (BaA 1925-30), captain of a gun-armed landing craft, fought his ship to the last man and the last round – there was not one survivor – but the enemy battery was silenced and the invasion fleet sailed by unmolested.

Oldest to die was Walter Bateman (Ward XVI 1885-93) still serving in the South African Army at 65. Youngest was Edwin Pillow (ThA 1938-44), at 16, too young to be called up, but who was killed by the last V-2 to land on British soil. Phillip Lawford (MidA 1935-40), commanding a patrol in Burma, was struck down by a very serious attack of dysentery. When the patrol was surrounded he ordered his men to leave him behind, while he delayed the enemy. He was never seen again. He was 19 years old. Shown here are just a few of the men and women – all these and many more are described in the book.

The book will be launched on Old Blues' Day, 30 April 2011; orders will be despatched on 3 May 2011.

The book is 168 pages; hardback; profusely illustrated in full colour with pictures and maps. Terrific value for just £15



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