

Wilfred Kenneth Ashworth

Killed in action on 20 May 1940 aged 21



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Wilfred Kenneth Ashworth went to Glyn School between 1932 and 1937. After leaving school, he joined the army.

Ashworth was very understated at school. The only mention of him is in the Governors' Notes where it was mentioned that his school fees were not being paid due to his father dying in 1935.

The Headmaster of the time, F.L. Clark, and Governors, chose not to pursue the matter and Ashworth remained at Glyn School. Later on, his mother remarried and relocated.

In May 1940, Ashworth and his regiment were tasked with holding onto the town of Doullens in France. They faced Hitler's Blitzkrieg and were ordered to slow the 2nd and 6th Panzer divisions advance. All but 100 of the original Battalion of 850 men were casualties or POWs. Ashworth, along with 20 of his comrades, are buried in the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Doullens.

Ashworth's name was not originally added to the school's war memorial, due to the fact that no one told the school he'd been killed. This came to light about a decade ago and his name was duly

Glyn students laid a wreath and held a brief Service of Remembrance for Ashworth during the Battlefields trip to Belgium and France in the October Half Term holiday.