

Flying Officer EDWARD HYETT

135115, 76 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died age 26 on 28 August 1943
Remembered with honour in DURNBACH WAR CEMETERY

Edward Hyett was a member of 76 Squadron when the Register of 6 November 1943 announced his death:

FLYING OFFICER E.HYETT REPORTED KILLED.

We learn with regret, that Mrs Hardware, of the River Café, has received information from the Air Ministry, that "according to information received through the International Red Cross Committee". Flying Officer Hyett, is believed to have lost his life, as a result of operations. Early in September we reported that he had been reported missing. Flying Officer Hyett, who was 28 years of age, was the youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs. [William Edmund and Louise] Hyett, of High Street, and since their death, until joining the R.A. F. last June, he resided with Mrs Hardware.

Before leaving Tewkesbury he was in the employ of Mr C R Warner, Garage Proprietor. He was educated at Tewkesbury Grammar School

The mention of the *River Café* caught my attention and an interrogation of the Woodard database revealed that Edward Hyett had already been brought to my attention by the late Historian, **David Evans**, who had himself been reared at that establishment at **49 High Street**. He had written to me in an email:¹



49 High Street in 1958 [TBC]

I was in the town on VE Day when an American soldier carried me the length of the High Street on his back - he would be hard placed to do that now! Earlier, members of an RAF crew were regular visitors to the River Cafe and my aunt was more than a little keen on one, Pilot Officer Ted Hyett. He lost his life when his Lancaster bomber was shot down over Munich. Oddly my aunt was told that he had no known grave but, after her death, I discovered this to be untrue.

Recently, I pressed David to dredge his memory: "Although he appeared to be quite keen on my aunt, I don't think I ever met him, but I do have a photograph somewhere. He was not a Tewkesbury man but came from London. I have several of the souvenirs he brought my aunt when he did his air training in Canada."

¹ 07/11/2002 email from the late Dr. David Evans

F/O Hyett is, in fact, buried at *Durnbach War Cemetery*. He is the only local airman to have lost his life, possibly during a bombing raid on Munich, near the Bavarian border of Austria. His name is also commemorated on the *Grammar School* plaque at the Town Hall.

